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# TWENTY-SECOND REPORT

OF THE

# AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

PRESENTED BY THE

# EXECUTIVE BOARD

AT THE

# ANNIVERSARY HELD IN PHILADELPHIA,

MAY 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1854,

WITH

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# MEMBERSHIP.

The following are the terms of Membership, &c., in the American Baptist Home Mission Society:

A MEMBER FOR LIFE, by the payment of Thirty Dollars or more.

A DIRECTOR FOR LIFE, by the payment of One Hundred Dollars or more, or any sum which, in addition to a previous payment, makes One Hundred Dollars.

#### DELEGATES.

Any Baptist Church in union with the denomination may appoint a delegate for an annual contribution of Ten Dollars, and an additional delegate for each additional Thirty Dollars.

#### PRIVILEGES.

All members of the Society, and delegates, are entitled to a seat and vote at the meetings of the Society.

Directors for life are entitled to the additional privilege of voting in an election of the Executive Board.

# FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.

I give and bequeath unto the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in the city
of New-York in the year nighteen bundred and thirty-two, the sum of
Dollars, for the
purposes of the said Society.

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# ACT OF INCORPORATION.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, PASSED APRIL 12, 1843, AND AMENDED PEBRUARY 9, 1849.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- § 1. All such persons as now are, or may hereafter become members of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in the City of New York, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-two, shall be, and hereby are, constituted a body corporate, by the name of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, for the purpose of promoting the preaching of the Gospel in North America.
- § 2. This Corporation shall be capable of taking, holding, or receiving any property, real or personal, by virtue of any devise or bequest contained in any last will or testament of any person whomsoever, the clear annual income of which devise or bequest shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars; Provided, no person leaving a wife or child, or parent, shall devise or bequeath said Corporation more than one fourth of his or her estate, after the payment of his or her debts, and such devise or bequest shall be valid to the extent of such one-fourth, and no such devise or bequest shall be valid in any will which shall not have been made and executed at least two months before the death of the testator; and provided that no verbal mistake in the name of the said Corporation shall invalidate any gift, grant, devise, or legacy intended for it. The net income of said Society, arising from their real estate, shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars annually.
- § 3. This Corporation shall possess the general powers, and be subject to the provisions contained in title third of chapter eighteen of the first part of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same are applicable, and have not been repealed.
  - § 4. This Act shall take effect immediately.
  - 5 5. The Legislature may at any time modify or repeal this Act.

## CONSTITUTION.

#### NAME

I. THIS Society shall be called the AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

#### OBJECT.

II. The object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

III. The Society shall be composed of Annual Delegates, Life Members and Life Directors. Any Baptist church, in union with the denomination, may appoint a delegate for an annual contribution of ten dollars, and an additional delegate for each additional thirty dollars. Thirty dollars shall be requisite to constitute a member for life; and one hundred dollars paid at one time, or a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be requisite to constitute a director for life.

#### OFFICERS.

IV. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Financial Secretary, and a Recording Secretary, whom the Society shall annually elect by ballot.

#### MANAGERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD.

V. The Officers and Life Directors shall meet immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Society, and elect fifteen Managers, residing in the city of New York, or its vicinity, who, together with the Treasurer, Auditor, and the Secretaries, shall constitute an Executive Board to conduct the business of the Society; and shall respectively continue to discharge their official duties until superseded by a new election. Seven members of the Board shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

VI. The Executive Board shall have power to appoint its own meetings; elect its own Chairman and Recording Secretary; enact its own By-Laws and Rules of Order, provided always, that they be not inconsistent with this Constitution; fill any vacancies which may occur in their own body or in the offices of the Society during the year; and, if deemed necessary by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, convene special meetings of the Society. They shall establish such Agencies as the interests of the Society may require; appoint Agents and Missionaries; fix their compensation; direct and instruct them concerning their particular fields and labors; make all appropriations to be paid out of the treasury; and present to the Society at each annual meeting a full report of their proceedings during the current year.

#### DESIGNATED FUNDS.

VII. All moneys or other property contributed and designated for any particular Missionary field, shall be so appropriated, or returned to the donors, or their lawful agents.

#### TREASURER.

VIII. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Board shall think proper.

#### ELIGIBILITY TO APPOINTMENT.

IX. All the Officers, Managers, Missionaries, and Agents of the Society, shall be members in good standing in regular Baptist churches.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

X. The Society shall meet annually, at such time and place as the Executive Board shall appoint.

#### ALTERATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

XI. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor unless the same shall have been proposed in writing, and the proposition sustained by a majoriry vote, at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Board.

#### STATED MEETINGS FOR 1854-55.

OF the EXECUTIVE BOARD-Thursday before the first Wednesday in each month.

- " Committee on Missions-The day previous to that of the Board.
- " ' Committee on AGENCIES and FINANCE-The Tuesday preceding.

#### BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD.

- 1. All meetings shall be opened with prayer.
- 2. All Committees shall be nominated by the presiding officer, and approved by the Executive Board, unless otherwise specially ordered.
- 3. No moneys shall be paid out of the Treasury, but by order of the Executive Board.
- 4. All resolutions, if required, shall be presented in writing.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1. Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
- 2. Treasurer's report.
- 3. Statement of the Financial Secretary.
- 4. Communications of the Cor. Secretary.
- 5. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 6. Reports of Select Committees.
- 7. Unfinished Business
- 8. New Business.

# STANDING COMMITTEES.

AGENCIES AND FINANCE. J. E. Southworth, Loomis Ballard. J. S. Backus, I. Wescott,

William Phelps.

MISSIONS. E. Lathrop,

I. R. Steward,

J. W. Taggart,

A. D. Gillette,

H. C. Fish.

CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

I. R. Steward,

A. D. Gillette,

H. J. Eddy,

T. Armitage,

Smith Sheldon.

LEGACIES.

A. B. Capwell,

T. Armitage,

C. J. Martin.

# MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

# American Baptist Home Mission Society,

# HELD IN PHILADELPHIA,

May 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1854.

THE Society met on Thursday the 11th of May, at 3 o'clock, P.M., in the Meeting-house of the Spruce-street Baptist Church, and was called to order by the President, Hon. ISAAC DAVIS, LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.

Rev. Dr. Caldicott, of Massachusetts, read the hymn commencing,

"O Zion, tune thy voice, And raise thy hands on high,"

which was sung by the congregation; after which prayer was offered by Rev. A. Armstrong, of New Jersey.

The President then congratulated the Society upon the remarkable success attending its efforts since its organization, and exhorted to devout gratitude to God, and to increased zeal in behalf of the Home Mission cause.

Ministering and other brethren present, not members of the Society, were invited to participate in its deliberations.

On motion of Rev. N. B. Baldwin, of Pa., the time for commencing and closing the sessions of each day, was fixed as follows:

To commence at 9 A.M., and at 3 and  $7\frac{3}{4}$  P.M. To adjourn at 12 M., and 5 P.M.

On motion of Hon. J. M. LINNARD, of Pa., it was unanimously resolved, that all committees be appointed by the President, without the confirmation of the Society, unless specially ordered otherwise.

The Chair announced the following committees:

On Credentials of Delegates—Rev. brn. I. R. Steward, of N. Y., T. S. Griffiths, Pa., S. W. Miles, N. H., J. Belcher, Me., and G. W. Harris, Mich.

On Nomination of Officers—Rev. brn. T. F. Caldicott, D.D., Mass., J. L. Hodge, D.D., N. Y., J. Wheaton Smith, Pa., L. H. Moore, Mich., and E. W. Barker, N. J.

On Arrangements for Public Exercises—Rev. brn. M. G. CLARK, D. B. Cheney, J. H. Kennard, Pa.; E. LATHROP, N. Y., and N. B. Baldwin, Pa.

The Treasurer, Charles J. Martin, Esq., of New York, presented his report, with the Auditor's certificate; which, on motion of John Hanna, Esq., and seconded by Wilson Jewell, M.D., of Pa., was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

The proposition of Rev. O. AYER, of N. H., to amend the 11th article of the Constitution (see Minutes of 1853, page 7) was taken up, and, upon motion of Rev. J. Dowling, D.D., indefinitely postponed.

On the recommendation of the Executive Board, the 4th article of the Constitution was amended, so as to read as follows:

The officers of the Society shall be, a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Financial Secretary, and a Recording Secretary, whom the Society shall elect by ballot.

And article.5th was amended by striking out the words "corresponding and recording," and substituting the word "the," before "secretaries."

The Committee of Arrangements reported through their chairman, and offered the following recommendations, which were adopted:

- 1. That the vote of the Society, fixing the hour of adjournment of the morning sessions, be reconsidered, and the time fixed at 1 o'clock.
- 2. That the hour from 9 to 10 o'clock of each morning be appropriated to public devotional exercises.
- 3. That so much of Friday and Saturday mornings, as may be necessary, be devoted to the general business of the Society.
- 4. That the hour of 12 m. of Friday be fixed for the election of officers; and that the Nominating Committee be instructed to present their nominations in a printed ballot.
- That Friday afternoon and evening be devoted to reports and addresses upon special subjects
  pertaining to Home Missions, and Saturday afternoon to the consideration of the Church Edifice
  Fund.
- 6. That sermons prepared for the occasion be preached on the Sabbath by the brethren appointed to such service.
- 7. That this evening be appropriated to the Annual Report of the Board, and addresses by Rev. Dr. Neale and others.

The Corresponding Secretary brought before the Society, for its special action, the recommendation of the Executive Board, that "the Society encourage an effort to raise a fund of \$25,000 to be permanently invested;

the income of which to be annually applied toward the salaries of the Secretaries."

The subject was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. N. A. Reed, of Mass., Hon. J. M. Linnard, Pa., and J. E. Southworth, Esq., N. Y.

After prayer by Rev. J. BELCHER, D.D., the Society adjourned.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. SAMUEL BAKER, D.D., of N. Y., and the hymn

"Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers," &c.

The Annual Report of the Executive Board was read by the Corresponding Secretary.

Upon motion of Rev. R. H. NEALE, D.D., of Mass., seconded by Rev. J. E. Chesshire, of R. I., the Report was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The President then, upon motion, announced the following committees, and the Society adjourned:

On Finance—Messrs. W. Jewell, M.D., Pa., Hon. Anthony Colby, N. H., Wm. Bucknell, Esq., Pa., W. Winterton, Esq., N. Y., Rev. W. C. Child, Mass.

Grand Ligne Mission—Rev. Messrs. M. Cyr, Canada, A. P. Mason, Mass., T. Clark, Ct., J. L. Burrows, Pa., and O. Ayer, N. H.

Indian Missions—Rev. Messrs. S. Dyer, Ia., S. Catlin, Minnesota, J. Aldrich, Mass., R. Jeffrey, N. Y., and R. J. Wilson, Ct.

Missions in the Far West—Rev. Messrs. O. C. Wheeler, California, E. W. Dickenson, Pa., W. Dean, D.D., China, J. G. Oncken, Germany, and Prof. P. B. Spear, N. Y.

Missions in the Great Central Valley—Rev. Messrs. D. B. Cheney, Pa., E. W. Cressy, Min., J. A. Dixon, Ia., J. A. Goodhue, Ct., and C. N. Chandler, N. Y.

Obituary Notices—Rev. Messrs. J. Belcher, D.D., Pa., O. T. Walker, Ct., A. S. Patton, N. J., E. B. Eddy, Mass., and E. N. Jenks, Ill.

Church Edifice Fund—Rev. Messrs. M. G. Clarke, Pa., J. P. Barnett, Ia., S. J. Drake, N. J., J. T. Seeley, N. Y., and Thomas Wattson, Esq., Pa.

### FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 12TH.

(1854.

The Society met at 9 o'clock for devotional services. Rev. Daniel Eldridge, of N. Y., in the chair. After singing, Rev. Elon Galusha, of N. Y., engaged in prayer, and was followed at the Throne of Grace, by Rev. brethren F. Merriam, of Me., O. Dodge, of N. Y., I. Bevan, of Pa., J. M. Challis, of N. J., and N. B. Baldwin, of Pa.; Revs. J. H. Kennard, of Pa.; and F. Merriam, made a few remarks, showing the great necessity of increased prayer in the Missionary enterprise, and especially in connection with liberal contributions.

At 10 o'clock, the hour appointed for business, Hon. Isaac Davis resumed the chair, and the Minutes of Thursday were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. S. S. Cutting, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Board be empowered to hold a meeting immediately for the transaction of necessary business.

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Annual Report as relates to the raising of a permanent Fund of \$25,000, reported through Rev. N. A. Reed, of Mass., Chairman. The Report was unanimously adopted, together with the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Society encourage an effort to raise \$25,000, to be permanently invested, the income of which to be annually applied toward the salaries of the Secretaries.

The Executive Board recommended to the Society, that the fifth article of the Constitution be so altered, as that seven, instead of five, as heretofore, shall hereafter form a quorum for the transaction of business in the Board.

The recommendation was adopted unanimously, and the word "seven" ordered to be inserted in place of the word "five."

The Corresponding Secretary then presented the item of the Report of the Board, relating to rooms for the Society; when,

J. E. Southworth, Esq., of N. Y., offered the following preamble and resolution, which was seconded by Thomas Wattson, Esq., Pa.:

Whereas, A large number of Baptist Brethren in the city of New York, and other places, have purchased a valuable property in that city, fronting on Nassau street and extending to the street in the rear, with the liberal design of providing rooms without expense of rent, for the use of several societies connected with the Baptist denomination; the said premises being situated in the midst of the most important thoroughfares of the city, and convenient of access from the neighboring cities; and

Whereas, The said brethren have proceeded to erect thereon a large and elegant marble building, with spacious rooms, which are understood to be available: Therefore

Resolved, That the Executive Board are hereby authorized and instructed to engage suitable rooms in the building aforesaid, and to enter upon the use of the same, as soon as such rooms are granted to this Society, on a durable lease, free from rent.

On motion of Hon. J. M. LINNARD, of Pa., seconded by Rev. E. LATHROP, of N. Y., the election of officers was postponed until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. F. G. Brown, of Mass., moved that Bro. Southworth's resolution be laid upon the table, with reference to the appointment of a Committee to Report on the whole matter. Bro. Brown's resolution was laid on the table.

Pending the discussion on Bro. Southworth's resolution, the Society adjourned.

Prayer by Dr. CALDICOTT, of Mass.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

President in the Chair. Prayer by Rev. G. C. Baldwin, D.D., of New York.

On motion of Rev. S. W. FIELD, of R. I., it was

Resolved, That the vote upon Bro. Southworth's motion be taken at fifteen minutes before 4 o'clock.

Rev. T. G. Wright, of N. J., proposed the following amendment to Mr. Southworth's resolution, viz:

"Provided an equally desirable lease, whether in regard to permanency, commodiousness and convenience, or all together, cannot be secured in the present location."

The amendment was seconded by Rev. J. HATT, of N. J., and adopted by the Society.

The resolution as amended was then adopted, without an opposing vote.

The Committee on Credentials reported, through Rev. I. R. Steward, of N. Y., that the following brethren had been duly appointed as delegates to this body, by their respective churches: namely,

Rev. F. Ketcham, Ill., Rev. A. S. Cole, N. Y., Rev. Wm. Arthur, N. Y., Rev. J. Shepherdson, Mass., Rev. J. N. Chase, N. H., and Bro. John S. Brown, N. H.

The Report was adopted.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers reported through Rev. T. F. Caldicott, D.D., of Mass., a ballot for officers for the ensuing year.

Hon. J. M. LINNARD, of Pa., THOMAS WATTSON, Esq., of Pa., and WM. BUCKNELL, Esq., of Pa., were appointed a Committee to collect, assort, and count the votes for officers.

The Tellers reported that each person named on the ballot presented by the Committee on Nomination was elected. (See page 16.)

Rev. J. Belcher, D.D., of Pa., reported in behalf of the Committee on Obituaries; the report was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. (Page 60.)

Rev. N. B. Baldwin, of Pa., Rev. B. M. Hill, of New York, and Rev. R. H. Neal, D.D., of Mass., made a few remarks upon the virtues of the deceased Life Directors, and Life Members, and Rev. G. W. Samson, of D. C., led in prayer.

Rev. S. DYER, of Ind., presented the Report of the Committee on Indian Missions, and accompanied it with a speech; he was followed by Rev. S. T. CATLIN, of Min., and the Report was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes. (Page 61.)

Adjourned by singing the Doxology.

#### FRIDAY EVENING.

Society met at 15 minutes before 8 o'clock.

President in the Chair. Prayer by Rev. N. CYR, of the Grand Ligne Mission.

Rev. O. C. Wheeler, of Cal., presented the Report of the Committee on Missions in the Far West.

The acceptance of the Report was moved by Rev. Wm. Dean, D.D., Missionary from China, in an address, and seconded by Hon. Thomas Swaim, of N. J. The Report was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes. (Page 64.)

The Report of the Committee on Missions in the Great Western Valley was presented by Rev. D. B. Cheney, of Pa.

The acceptance of the Report was moved by Rev. J. G. Oncken, of Germany, in a speech on the necessity of a greater Missionary spirit in the Churches, and seconded by Rev. I. R. Steward, of N. Y. The Report was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. (Page 70.)

On motion of Rev. B. M. HILL, D.D., of N. Y., it was

Resolved, That the Society adjourn finally, for the present Anniversary, to-morrow at 12 o'clock; leaving the afternoon for a special meeting for free conference and action, in-behalf of the Church Edifice Fund.

Adjourned, by singing the Doxology.

# SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 13TH.

The Society met at 9 o'clock, for a Prayer Meeting, Rev. E. GALUSHA, of N. Y., presiding.

After singing, Rev. J. S. Backus, of N. Y., Rev. J. E. Chesshire, of R. I., Rev. J. Aldrich, of Mass., Rev. A. W. Sunderlin, of N. Y., Rev. J. G. Oncken, of Germany, and Rev. F. Ketchum, of Illinois, led in prayer.

Rev. O. C. Wheeler, of Cal., followed with remarks on the necessity of more laborers in California.

The Society came to order for business at 10 o'clock. President in the Chair.

The Corresponding Secretary called the attention of the Society to that part of the Annual Report which relates to the Church Edifice Fund; when,

On motion, that portion of the Report was referred to the consideration of the special meeting appointed for this afternoon.

The Committee on the Grand Ligne Mission reported, through Rev. N. Cyr., of Canada. Rev. H. C. Fish, of N. J., moved the adoption of the Report, in a brief address, and was followed by Rev. Dr. Dowling, of Pa.; whereupon the Report was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes. (Page 73.)

Dr. Jewell, of Pa., presented the Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, which, on motion of Rev. J. E. Rue, of N. J., was adopted, and ordered to be printed. (Page 78.)

Rev. D. G. Corey, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was carried:

Resolved, That the Executive Board be instructed to recommend in the Next Annual Report, such a change in the fifth article of the Constitution as shall allow the Society to have a voice more directly in the election of the Board of Managers.

Rev. S. Ilsley, of N. Y., offered the following, which was carried:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Spruce street Baptist Church, and to the several other Baptist Churches of this city, and also to the citizens of Philadelphia, for the truly generous hospitalities which they have extended to this body.

On motion of Rev. G. C. BALDWIN, D.D., of N. Y., it was

Resolved, That a committee of four be appointed to coöperate with other religious societies, to endeavor to effect a general arrangement whereby the fare on the various railroads and steamboats leading to the place of our next anniversary, may be obtained at a reduced price, and report through the denominational papers.

Rev. G. C. Baldwin, D.D., of N. Y., Rev. T. F. Caldicott, D.D., of Mass., Rev. S. S. Cutting of N. Y., and Rev. D. B. Cheney, of Pa., were appointed said committee.

On motion, the Society adjourned sine die. Prayer by Rev. J. Dow-Ling, D.D., of Pa.

### MEETING OF LIFE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Society, the Life Directors and Officers present proceeded to organize for the election of the Executive Board.

J. P. CROZER, Esq., of Pa., was called to the Chair.

Rev. O. B. Judd, of N. Y., moved that a committee of three be appointed to nominate the Board of Managers for the ensuing year. The resolution was adopted, and

Rev. A. P. Mason, of Mass., Rev. J. T. Seeley, of N. Y., and Hon. J. M. Linnard, of Pa., were appointed as the Committee.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Hodge, D.D., of N. Y., it was

Resolved, That when the Committee report, we proceed to vote by ballot.

The Nominating Committee reported a ballot for the Board of Managers, when, on motion, their report was accepted.

WM. WINTERTON, Esq., of N. Y., and THOMAS WATTSON, Esq., of Pa., were appointed tellers.

On motion of Dr. Dowling, adjourned to 3 o'clock, P.M.

At 3 o'clock, met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Rufus Babcock, D.D, of N. Y.

The Tellers reported that the ticket presented by the Committee on Nomination was elected (see page 16). Adjourned.

#### SPECIAL MEETING .- SATURDAY AFTERNOON. .

The Society met by appointment at 3 o'clock, P.M. to take into consideration the interests of the Church Edifice Fund.

Hon. ISAAC DAVIS, LL.D., in the Chair. Prayer by the Rev.H. SEAVER, of Mass. Minutes of the morning read and approved.

Rev. M. G. CLARK, of Pa., presented the Report of the Committee on the Church Edifice Fund.

On motion of Rev. F. Ketcham, of Ill., seconded by Rev. Dr. Babcock, of N. Y., accompanied with remarks, and followed with addresses from Rev. J. P. Barnett, of Ind., and Rev. I. Bevan, of Pa. the Report was adopted. (See page 75.)

Rev. S. S. Cutting, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society are hereby presented to the Hon. ISAAC DAVIS, President, for the promptness, dignity, and impartiality with which he has presided on this occasion.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. M. WARDER, of Ky.

The Sabbath was occupied with three interesting services, though two of the brethren who had been engaged to preach before the Society were not present. Rev. Dr. Dean, of China, occupied the morning hour, Rev. S. Dryden Phelps, of New Haven, Ct., preached in the afternoon, and Rev. O. C. Wheeler, of California, in the evening.

# Dr. THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY

1854.	To Cash paid Missionaries for Salaries,	\$39,651 49
	" Cash paid Agents for Salaries, Travelling Expenses,	
	Postage, &c.,	5,357 92
n . 1 :	" Cash paid for Stationery, design for Diploma	sidelit at P
1	plate, Postages, and Incidental Expenses,	411 15
	" Cash paid Salaries, Secretaries, and Clerks,	3,642 66
	" Cash paid for paper and printing of Home Mis-	10 at 10 at 1
	sion Record, and expenses on same,	1,607 02
	" Cash paid for paper and printing Annual Report,	
	Sermon, Certificates, Blanks, &c.,	717 71
	" Cash paid Taxes on land donated to the Society,	23 65
	" Cash paid discount on uncurrent funds, and	
	counterfeit money received on account of dona-	
	tions, &c.,	67 65
	" Cash paid on account of designated funds for	
	Meeting-houses,	5,249 59
	" Cash paid interest to E. Loomis and E. Hanks	
	on their respective contingent donations,	31 76
	" Cash paid on account of Funds designated for	
	Indian Hymn Books,	65 57
	" Cash paid for Educational purposes,	571 38
	" Cash paid for Anniversary expenses,	1 30 00
	" Cash invested and secured by Bond and Mort-	
	gage (balance of special investment, the in-	
	come only to be used by direction of the	
	donor, Theron Fisk, Esq.),	1,000 00
	" Balance,	4,302 71
		\$62,730 26

# IN ACCOUNT WITH CHAS. J. MARTIN, TREASURER. Cr.

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1854.	By Balance from last year,	\$4,465 98
	" Cash proceeds of notes (contributed last year),	1,150 00
	" Cash interest and dividends received on sundry temporary investments, \$180 00	
	" Cash interest received on Bonds and Mortgages (a special invest- ment by direction of the donor), 140 00	222.00
	" Cash amount received for subscriptions to Home	320 00
	Mission Record,	1,360 45
	" Cash amount of designated Funds for Meeting-houses,	5,678 83
	" Cash amount received for Educational purposes,	581 75
	" Cash from American Baptist Publication Society for Indian Hymn Books,	65 57
	"Cash amount of Contributions, Legacies, &c., received from 1st April, 1853, to 31st March, 1854, \$50,054 93	
	Of which this amount is in bills receivable not yet matured, 947 25	49,107 68
	to the Management of the Control of	\$62,730 26
March 31	By Balance, \$4,302 71 Subject to drafts of Cor. Secre-	·~/ .
	tary already issued upon the Treasurer, and liable to immedi-	
	ate presentation, amounting to,3,021 39	\$1,281 32
	CHARLES J. MARTIN.	Treasurer

CHARLES J. MARTIN, Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing account, together with the vouchers connected therewith, and find the same correct. The balance in the hands of Charles J. Martin, Esq., Treasurer, in cash, is Four Thousand Three Hundred and Two 71-100 Dollars. He also holds bills receivable, Eleven Hundred and Seven 25-100 Dollars. He has in his possession the following securities, viz.: Certificate of Stock in the Corn Exchange Bank, New York, for Two Thousand Dollars; Brooklyn City Bond, bearing interest at six per cent., payable Jan. 1, 1863, for Five Hundred Dollars; also Two Bonds and Mortgages (a special investment by direction of the donor), the interest only to be used by the Society, the principal of which bonds is Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

ROBERT THOMPSON, Jr., Auditor.

NEW YORK, April 1st, 1854.

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# ANNUAL REPORT.

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THOUSE IN THE STREET

AT each anniversary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, it has been the mournful duty of its Executive Board to make mention of those whose names were enrolled in the lists of its membership or official affinities, but whose connection with it had been sundered by the hand of death. Occurrences during the past year require the repetition of the duty at this time. It is an appropriate introduction to the Annual Report of the Board. Familiar countenances present attract our attention, stimulate our friendly greetings, cheer our hearts, revive our Christian affection, and aid to prepare us for the important deliberations and fraternal coöperation demanded by our work of benevolence. But there are others on which we have looked as familiarly heretofore, for which we now look in vain. We feel our need of their counsels, their examples, their wisdom, their energy, their piety. But they are not here. God has taken them. Revered names rush upon our memories, but the forms with which they were identified are hidden from our sight, and are awaiting the dawn of that day when they shall hear the voice of the Son of God and live.

Among this number is one who for five successive years served the Society in the responsible office of Auditor, and in the faithful discharge of whose duty as such, in the wise counsels he imparted and the liberal benefactions he bestowed, the Board were uniformly encouraged. As an officer of the Society and member of the Executive Board, Garrat Noel Bleecker enjoyed the highest esteem of his associates, and his removal from among them in less than half a month after his last election was painfully unexpected and afflictive.

Hon. Friend Humphrey, also, whose heart was in the work of Christian benevolence, and whose hand was always ready to promote it, now sleeps in Jesus. He was a member for life and an officer of the Society from the time of its organization. Twelve years he served as a Vice-President, and two years subsequently as President.

Another, once associated with the Board, has likewise heard the summons of the king of terrors and passed through the dark waters of the river of death. During a period of six years, commencing with the year 1842, Dr. Elisha Tucker held a seat in the Board, four of which he served as its Chairman. His best wishes were conceived for the cause of Home Missions, and his influence was always cheerfully bestowed in promoting them.

We have to add the name of Rev. Benjamin F. Brabrook, a much-respected and very useful exploring agent of the Society in Iowa. His love of the cause and selfdenying efforts to promote its prosperity will long be remembered by the Board, and by thousands in the field where he labored and died

Time forbids our extending particular notices beyond the limit of official relations, otherwise many others could be named—ministers, deacons, and private members of churches, male and female—who were efficient fellow-laborers, but have entered into rest. The total number of directors and members of the Society who have deceased is 30. Twelve of them were ministers of the gos-

pel, and four were ministers' wives. Their names will be found in our list of deceased members for the year.\*

Thus, year after year, old and tried associates in our missionary work pass away, leaving us to follow up their labors in behalf of Zion and our fallen world. Let us follow them up with diligence, patience, and faith.

## DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS FOR LIFE.

Fifty-nine names have been added to the list of directors and five hundred and eighty-two to that of members. The total number of the former is now 451, and of the latter 3,368.

### CHANGE IN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Robert Thompson, Jr., Esq., was elected by the Executive Board to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Garrat N. Bleecker, Esq.

#### LEGACIES.

Legacies have been received from the estates of the following named persons: Miss Esther Ann Blakely, of Vermont; Miss Fanny McGilvreay, of New-Hampshire; Mrs. Lucretia Goddard and Dea. Daniel Cummins, of Massachusetts; P. F. Brayton and Mrs. Mary Leuce, of Rhode Island; Mrs. L. D. Gale, of the District of Columbia; and Edward Rogers, of Illinois. A balance in advance has also been paid by Theron Fisk, Esq., of New-York.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

On account of the annual increase of the Society's business, it became necessary, two years ago, to add an Assistant Secretary to the operative force of the Mission

<sup>\*</sup>Among those names will be seen that of Col. J. M. Washington, who was swept overboard from the unfortunate steamer San Francisco in December last. He was in command of the military forces in New Mexico in 1849, and it was in consequence of his representations and urgent request, that Rev. H. W. Reed, on his arrival at Santa Fé, while pursuing his journey to California at that time, was induced to remain and commence a mission in New Mexico.

Rooms. Since that time the increase has continued at a greater ratio, and the business has been more systematically arranged into distinct departments. It has now become so much augmented as to render it desirable that both the labor and responsibility of transacting it should be divided between the officers who have the charge of those departments. To effect this object, the Board recommend an alteration of the fourth article of the Constitution, so as to read as follows: The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Financial Secretary, and a Recording Secretary, whom the Society shall annually elect by ballot; and of the fifth article, by striking out the words "Corresponding and Recording," and substituting the word "the."

#### CONTINGENT FUND.

Some years ago the Board found it necessary to invest a small amount of their funds in such a manner as to afford protection to their financial credit in emergencies. The measure has proved advantageous. Recent financial changes in the country and the general uncertainties of the future, have led to the belief that the increasing business of the Society requires additional safeguards. It is believed, also, that an essential improvement can be made on the present protective system, by combining it with another object, without unfavorably affecting the receipts for general purposes. The plan proposed is, to create a fund, the interest of which shall be appropriated to the support of the Secretaries of the Society. Special efforts to accomplish this object are not contemplated, or thought necessary. There is reason to believe that individuals will regard the plan favorably and encourage it by voluntary donations and legacies. The success of such a measure would secure the requisite protection to our credit in times of embarrassment; it would diminish to a very small amount the already reasonable percentage deducted from the annual receipts for contingent expenses, and it would relieve the management of the business from objections brought by some against benevolent societies generally. The Board, therefore, recommend that the Society encourage an effort to raise a fund of Twenty-five thousand dollars, to be permanently invested; the income of which to be annually applied towards the salaries of the Secretaries.

#### FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

We here present a general summary of the Society's financial transactions for the past year, and a statement of its present fiscal condition and prospects:

Balance from last year's account,  Cash receipts from all sources, viz.:—  For the General purposes of the Society,  Church Edifice Fund,  Educational Objects,  Home Mission Record,  Making the total amount of cash in the Treasury for the year ending 31st \ March, 1854,	64 28
For the General purposes of the Society,	100
" Church Edifice Fund,	100
" Educational Objects,	100
" Home Mission Record,	100
Making the total amount of cash in the Treasury for the year ending 31st 2 62.7	100
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Of the above amount received for Missionary purposes, there were in contributions, legacies and donations,	
Being an increase over the amount of receipts from the same sources last?	
year of	
The total amount of disbursements for the same period was:-	
For General purposes,	
" Church Edifices, 5,249 59	
" Educational Objects, 636 95	
" Home Mission Record,	
" Special Investment, by order of the Donor, the interest only to be used, 1,000 00 -58,4	27 55
Leaving a balance in the Treasury of 4.8	02 71
Subject to drafts afloat, and liable to immediate presentation, 3,021 39	
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to be demanded immediately,	38 16
Showing a deficiency in the Treasury to meet the liabilities due on the 1st \ of April last, of	35 45
The Liabilities of the Society, April 1st, 1854, were as follows, viz:—  For General purposes. \$39,233 77	
parponos;	70.92
" Church Edifice appropriations,	
For General objects,	
"Church Edifice Fund &c. 349 61 — 7,	49 96
" Church Edifice Fund, &c.,	
Showing a balance against the Society, at the close of the year, of \$31,	320 98

It is gratifying to perceive from the foregoing, that the claims of the Home Mission cause are gradually coming to be more adequately considered and more fully appreciated; though the aggregate of receipts still falls below the mark aimed at, even two years ago, and far short of the amount necessary to have enabled the Board to enlarge their operations so rapidly and widely as Divine Providence has presented favorable opportunities, and openings of rare, rich promise.

It is true that the balance reported in the hands of the Treasurer, at the close of the fiscal year, would seem at first to indicate that our operations require less money than we are wont to receive; but it should be distinctly understood, that more than four thousand dollars of this sum, were received on the very day our accounts were closed; and that the receipts of March alone, were nearly one-fourth of the grand total for the entire year. Besides, there were drafts outstanding on the 1st of April, and salaries due at that time, to an amount so large, that the balance on hand would have been insufficient, by more than one thousand dollars, to meet them if demanded. Acting upon the resolutions of the Society, an enlarged schedule of disbursements was adopted by the Board at the commencement of the year, and, for several months, made the basis of expanded operations. But the receipts were not increased in the same ratio as the liabilities; and as the dictates of common prudence, hesitancy, caution, and even curtailment of appropriations earnestly demanded, were felt to be absolutely necessary, if the hitherto unquestioned credit of the Society was to be maintained in every part of our country. Now, a draft upon our Treasurer is as good as gold, in New York, Illinois, Minnesota, or California; and it has been the determined policy of your Board to perpetuate this public confidence.

In another part of this Report is presented a carefully drawn statement of the prospective wants of your treasury, for the current year. To make such appropriations as are thus demanded, judiciously, or even safely, the Board must anxiously watch the monthly receipts, for a corresponding increase over those of the preceding twelvementh. They hear the cries of the destitute for help, and of the shivering for shelter, while the urgent voice of God bids them hasten the means of relief; but they have no miraculous power to multiply bread for the faint and perishing, nor can they furnish the full tale of bricks without the requisite materials.

#### HOME MISSION HOUSE.

At the last anniversary, resolutions were passed instructing the Executive Board relative to changing their place of business. By one of them they were "directed to rent, immediately, suitable rooms for their accommodation, provided that pledges be given that the expense shall not be defrayed from the Society's general treasury." Measures were immediately adopted to carry the resolution into effect. Means were provided by individuals for the payment of the rent, and the only suitable place which could be obtained at that season of the year was conditionally engaged by the committee appointed for the purpose. Its occupancy however, was declined by the Board, partly because of a difference of opinion concerning its suitableness and location, and partly because it was thought more advantageous to attempt the immediate purchase of a building, to which the removal might be permanent.

Another resolution provided, "that the Board be authorized to raise a fund for the purchase of suitable rooms for the Society, at an expense not exceeding forty

thousand dollars, at the earliest opportunity within two years."

Guided much by the discussion of the subject at the last anniversary, it was at first considered by a majority of the Board as the intention of the resolution to authorize the actual purchase of a building, provided the funds in the treasury for general purposes were not used in payment. Preliminary arrangements were therefore commenced and prosecuted with some prospect of success; but, on a closer examination of the resolution, doubts were created in some minds, whether its language was sufficiently authoritative to meet the legal necessities connected with an actual purchase for the Society. The whole subject was, therefore, deferred, with the hope that it could be more satisfactorily disposed of within the two years allowed by the resolution. These considerations, together with the fact that inconvenience and disadvantage to the interests of the Society would arise from a removal, until probable permanence in a location could be secured, induced the Board to continue to transact their business at the rooms which they have occupied so many years, through the liberality of the First Church in the city of New York.

### CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

The Executive Board having been authorized "so to interpret the second article of the Constitution, that they may raise and appropriate funds for the building of Meeting-Houses," proceeded, at the earliest practicable period, to arrange a plan for the consummation of that important object. That plan has been published. The facts and comments elicited by its publication serve to confirm the Board in the general views it contains, and they now await only the pecuniary action of the friends of the

measure, to commence operations according to its provisions, wherever it can be done with most advantage to the cause at large. Great necessity on the part of several churches seemed to require an effort in their behalf, without waiting for the details of the regular plan to be perfected. A considerable amount, therefore, has been collected and disbursed for their benefit, and arrangements have been made for the prospective aid of several others. The total amount thus collected is \$5,678 83, nearly all of which has been applied to the aid of eleven churches. Besides these, appropriations to the amount of \$14,035 have been made in the form of loans and donations, payable after they are collected, and the collection is now going on, chiefly in the States where the churches are respectively located.

Of the whole number of churches aided, two have completed and paid for their houses of worship, and it is expected that three others will enjoy the same happiness within a short period. One house, in New Mexico, has been finished, but has a balance of debt remaining upon it.

Applications for aid from the Fund are numerous, and much profit would arise to the general cause if favorable responses could be made to a considerable number of them. Several of them, at important central points, present much evidence of immediate and pressing necessity, requiring some twenty-eight thousand dollars within the current year, which, expended under the precautions of our system, would probably prove the foundation of great and lasting good.

### MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

Various considerations have required that the Missionary operations of the past year should be conducted with much reference to prominent localities in different

portions of our field, and to the extending frontier settlements of our country. Great and rapid changes in the condition and influence of western cities and villages have been effected, and new ones, destined to much importance in a few years, have been founded by the multiplication of Railroads; all of which demand immediate attention. At some central positions, churches, formerly weak, have been strengthened, and others are beginning to realize the benefit of our aid.

A mission among the Chinese in California has not yet been commenced. Many difficulties have arisen to retard, but we trust not to finally prevent the accomplishment of this important object. It is worthy of being cherished, and it is hoped that success will, ere long, attend our efforts to promote it. With this exception, the plans of the Board for spreading the gospel have been as successful as in any former year.

The selection of an increased proportion of central positions, and the enhanced expense of subsistence everywhere, have considerably increased the expense of supporting the Missionaries. On the other hand, it is believed that, in several instances, the occupancy of important places, though at large original outlay, has laid the foundation for strong, efficient churches, and the speedy return into the treasury of the Lord of gifts and offerings for the greater and more rapid spread of the gospel at home and abroad.

### SUMMARY OF LABORS AND RESULTS.

The number of missionaries and agents employed during the past year is 184.\* Of that number, 128 were in commission April 1st, 1853. The remaining 56 were

<sup>\*</sup> For their names, fields, and other details, see "Missionary Table."

new appointments. Two quarterly reports, due on the 1st April, failed to reach us. Ten, who were under appointment some portion of the year, need no further aid from the Society.

Seven collecting agents have also been employed the whole or a portion of the year, and, for a few weeks, two special agents for purposes connected with the Church Edifice Fund.

The Missionaries were distributed as follows: In Canada (West), 1; Canada (East), 8; New York (near Canada), 1; Pennsylvania, 6; Delaware, 2; Ohio, 9; Michigan, 8; Indiana, 28; Illinois, 34; Wisconsin, 35; Iowa, 23; Minnesota, 8; Oregon, 4; California, 4; New Mexico, 4.

Twenty-one of the number preach in the following foreign languages: French, 8; French and German, 1; French and Polish, 1; Swedish, 1; Swedish, Danish, and Norwegian, 1; German, 3; Dutch, 1; Spanish, 2; Spanish, and Pueblo, 1; Spanish and Navajo Indian, 1; Chippewa and French, 1.

The number of States and Territories occupied is 14. The number of stations and out-stations supplied, is 612; and the aggregate amount of time bestowed upon the field, according to the reports received, is equal to that of one man for 137 years and 18 weeks.

The Missionaries report the baptism of 1322 persons; the organization of 67 churches, and the ordination of 30 ministers. Twenty-two church edifices have been completed, and 24 are in progress of building.\*

Of the number baptized, more than 100 are known to

 have been previously Roman Catholics or Lutherans. Many others are believed to have come from the same sects, as their baptism was reported by Missionaries who preach in foreign languages, almost exclusively among those people. We believe 163 to be the correct estimate of the total number. Hereafter, this item can be reported more definitely.

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In addition to the Missionaries already mentioned, seven others have been appointed, whose labors were to commence after the 31st of March, all of whom, it is hoped, will soon be engaged in active service in important portions of the general field.

### THE GREAT CENTRAL VALLEY.

Many of the important results given in our summary were reported by Missionaries laboring in the great Central Valley of the United States. In every state of that valley where they have labored, souls have been won to Christ; churches have been organized; church edifices have been finished or commenced; Sabbath-schools have been established; and many other appliances have been secured for diffusing the genial influences of the blessed gospel. Thus the garden of the Lord, in that region, like a rich verdured prairie, has been made to send forth, amidst the moral miasma and disease which reign around, a spiritual fragrance and virtue, precious as the balm of Gilead to sick and fainting hearts.

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the establishment of the gospel in every city and settlement of that portion of our field. Not one of them, in all that lovely heritage, should be surrendered to infidelity or superstition; not one should be left under the influence of the powers of darkness, as an unrestrained moral evil in the land.

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Our Missions on the Pacific coast present enlarged claims on the attention of the Board. Their importance is in no degree diminished, but in every respect increased, and various causes will hereafter continue to increase it. The operation of the general land law in Oregon is favorable to the settlement of that Territory by an industrious and intelligent class of inhabitants, and such, in great numbers, have availed themselves of the large bounty of the general Government, in providing for themselves valuable and permanent homes. But owing to the limited extent of many of the valleys in which those homes are selected, the vast area over which they are spread, and the legal necessity for actual occupancy of the lands in order to a proprietorship in them, the local communities are very numerous, and often small and widely separated from each other. Due care for the religious interests of a people, under such circumstances, requires a larger proportion of ministers than usual, and it is just cause of gratification to learn that several have accompanied the emigrants to that region. The number, however, is inadequate to the demands of such a field even by itinerant services, and there are central positions of much importance, for the supply of which our friends look with earnestness to the Board. Two ministers have been appointed to that Territory during the year. One of them has reached it and entered upon his labors, the other was have been previously Roman Catholics or Lutherans. Many others are believed to have come from the same sects, as their baptism was reported by Missionaries who preach in foreign languages, almost exclusively among those people. We believe 163 to be the correct estimate of the total number. Hereafter, this item can be reported more definitely.

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arrested in his journey by an afflictive Providence, which may delay his departure for some time.

To the Missionary company in California, one minister has been added, who is at present laboring at Marysville. Another was appointed, with the expectation that he would have reached his field ere this time, but he also is detained by domestic affliction.

Our friends in that State have exhibited much liberality in assuming, at an early period, the support of the ministers who have gone out under the patronage of the Society, and have encouraged us, by formal pledges, to expect valuable contributions towards the support of others. It is believed that the proportion of Baptist Church members in California is as large as that of any other denomination of evangelical Christians, while the proportion of Baptist ministers is much smaller. It also appears that the number of Baptist Missionaries in California, as compared with the population of the State, is far less than in any other Western State. The cause of this unfavorable disparity does not arise from neglect of reasonable effort on the part of the Board. Suitable inducements have been extended to many ministers believed to be qualified for the service, but their views of duty prevailed in forming their decision in favor of other fields of labor. We learn from reliable sources, that some twenty ministers are needed in that State, within the current year, and that the most of them, if possessing respectable talents for the pulpit and the pastoral relation, would very soon receive their support from the

New Mexico is included among the Territories of the "Far West." The cause of evangelical religion is there gradually gaining ground. A place of worship has been provided, a church has been organized after the New

Testament model, and the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper have been administered in Albuquerque; a church edifice has been erected and opened for worship in Santa Fé; the gospel is extensively preached in the Territory; the Bible and religious publications are freely circulated; a spirit of inquiry exists among the people; and some appear to be seriously seeking the true way of salvation. And these events have occurred where, until our Missionaries recently commenced their labors, naught of religion was known but the dark and cruel rites of gross paganism, and as dark, if not as cruel impositions of a degrading Romanism.

No additions have been made to our Missionary force in that territory the past year, but it has become necessary to send additional men, as assistants to those now there, and to fill at least one vacancy which is likely to occur. It is important, also, that arrangements be made for the establishment of a school, of an elevated character, in that Territory, at no distant day.

# THE GRANDE LIGNE MISSION.

The labors of our Missionaries of the Grande Ligne Stations continue to be attended by the Divine blessing, and their salutary influence is evidently deepening and extending among the people. A disposition to investigate the subject of Bible religion is widely extending. The Station at Montreal appears to be well selected and occupied, and from it proceeds an evangelical influence which promises great benefits to the people of that city and the entire region around it. Two missionaries have been added to the number previously in that field, but one, heretofore under appointment, finds the climate too severe for his health, and will leave his station. The

churches are becoming more enlightened in respect to Christian duties, and are evidently more liberal in performing them.

# INDIAN MISSIONS.

The Board have endeavored to promote the welfare of those Indian tribes which seem to have been providentially cast upon their attention, and are encouraged to persevere.

At the Pueblo of Laguna, in New Mexico, Brother Gorman has toiled amidst many difficulties arising from the uncivilized condition of the people, and the influence of a religion derived from two corrupt sources,—the Aztec idolatries and Roman Catholic traditions. He has succeeded, however, in establishing a station among them, and has erected, chiefly with his own hands, a building which combines the requisite accommodations for a dwelling-house, a school, and a place for public worship. In the mean time he has acquired sufficient knowledge of the Spanish and Pueblo languages to enable him to discharge the simpler duties of his mission. The people have already exhibited some degree of moral improvement. The observance of the Lord's day, and considerable regard to truth and honesty, are mentioned as evidences of that improvement. A disposition is noticed also among them to listen to religious instruction, and in one or two instances attendance upon Romish worship has been discontinued

Brother J. M. Shaw continues at Fort Defiance, in the same Territory, where he enjoys opportunities of instructing the Navajos, and of acquiring a knowledge of their language, manners and customs. They manifest a desire to be instructed in religion and the arts of civilization, and it is believed that encouraging results will follow

the labors of the Missionary, when he shall have become better acquainted with their language.

An assistant for this station is very much needed, and the Board have recently appointed one whom they believe to be suitably qualified for the labor it requires.

The station among the Chippewas at Pembina, in Minnesota, is not yet perfectly organized. Brother James Tanner, the Missionary, returned to that place from his tour in the United States, last autumn, but after consultation with some chiefs of the tribe, and influential American residents, he decided to return immediately to St. Paul to expedite the transportation to his station of farming implements, books and school apparatus, which he had collected and stored at that place, as they were deemed essential to the success of his general plans. This object was accomplished through the kind offices of the Governor of the Territory and other friends, though it required of the Missionary a journey on foot, amidst the frost and snow of that high northern latitude, of some five hundred miles, and with but two attendants. On his journey homeward, the same distance, he was unattended, except by his faithful dogs, and experienced increased severity of weather in a more advanced period of the winter. But God was with him, and he safely reached his home. The anxiety of the Indians to receive instruction from him appears to be singularly great. An associate Missionary for this station has been appointed, and it is presumed he will enter upon his duties in the course of the ensuing summer.

## PROSPERITY CREATING NECESSITY.

After several years of Home Mission effort, it was said in one of our Annual Reports, "Much has been accomplished, but, comparatively, the work is but just begun." The same is true to-day. The very successes of the Society have unceasingly expanded the area of its operations, and created additional necessity for its efforts. Much more so the great increase of population in all the older States of the West; the rapid organization of new ones; the foreign origin of a large class of our present population; the immense augmentation of the same class now anticipated; the wide-spread influence of anti-republican politics, and anti-christian religion; and the growing boldness and zeal with which encroachments upon our civil and religious liberties are attempted. While, therefore, we have reason to congratulate the Society because of the happy commencement of the effort and its success thus far, it is to be hoped that stimulus to patient continuance in well-doing may be seen and felt in all the prosperity of the present, in all the necessities of the future. The foundation is laid and tried, and found sure, and a glorious superstructure is planned to rest upon it; but the walls and columns of the edifice must rise to their full height, and the top-stone must be brought forth, before we indulge rejoicing unmingled with fear and trembling. We have girded on the harness of war against the powers of darkness; but not until the victory of truth and righteousness allows us to put it off should we boast. The goal of the race is set, and, as runners, we have taken our start; but we have now to press forward towards the mark, and so run that we may obtain the prize. Labor commenced in some of the States is yet to be continued and finished, and that which has been performed in those States is to be repeated in others more remote. Churches now raised up should be carried forward to independence. At important points, if necessary, they should be assisted to erect houses of worship, and to secure all the usual appliances essential to enlarged usefulness.

Much attention must be bestowed upon the rapidly increasing foreign population. The political sympathy which freely offers them an ample asylum from civil and religious oppression, is never perfect till they are taught the nature and proper use of true civil and religious freedom. The pity that weeps over their ignorance, their superstition, or their infidelity is not conformed to Christ's, unless accompanied by the benevolence which will attempt to gather them beneath the soul-sanctifying and saving influences of the gospel as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings. And much more should be done for those who were originally aliens from our national commonwealth, but by military conquest have been made our fellow-citizens. If it were really necessary to graft them into the olive-tree of our body politic, justice demands that with us they should partake of its root and fatness. Their claim to whatever is valuable in our free institutions, and our obligations as American Christians to invite and even to urge them to come in and share them with us, especially the higher and holier blessings of the gospel feast, are indisputable.

Nor should the red men who linger on our frontiers be overlooked, especially when their cry for clearer knowledge of the "Great Spirit" is providentially wafted to our ears. They ask us for bread—the bread of life. While we possess their former hunting-grounds and fields, and they are, literally, strangers and wanderers in their fathers' ancient inheritance, shall we send them empty away, or shall we not rather heed their cry and cheerfully fill them with the good things of the kingdom of Christ?

But to promote these interests the Board are powerless without the active and efficient coöperation of the ministers and churches. Some of the ministers are needed personally to labor in the field. Our Divine Master has declared that such as do so "are worthy of their hire," and to those who contribute that hire he has constituted it a greater blessing to "give than to receive."

## MEN AND MEANS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

To attempt the accomplishment of what actually claims the attention of the Board, the ensuing year, the entire number of missionaries now in the field should be retained in active service, and to these should be added, as the very least number, 36 others to occupy new places. Such places are now ready and waiting for 4 ministers in Oregon; 5 in California; 4 in New Mexico; 7 in Minnesota; 6 in Iowa; 4 in Illinois; 2 in Indiana; 1 in Ohio; 2 among the Sioux Indians; and 1 among the Chippewas. The Board are far from believing that this number is adequate to the actual necessities of the general field. It is the minimum estimate for the ensuing year. To many, especially in the far distant points of the country, who have asked for more, it will prove a disappointment. It is hardly to be doubted that urgent claims for aid will be made in the course of the year, from several fields which are not included in this estimate.

To sustain the operations of the Society at points already opened and depending upon its aid, with some modifications in the distribution of that aid, will require the sum of \$50,000, which is the amount in round numbers disbursed during the year now ended.

The amount necessary for the outfit and traveling expenses of 36 ministers to the new stations in view, and the proportion of salary needed from the Board one year, is \$29,700; which added to the foregoing make the sum of \$79,700; from which by deducting the balance in the

treasury on the 31st of March (\$4,302 71), which is applicable to the support of Missionaries, we find the amount of contributions needed for Missionary purposes the ensuing year to be \$75,397 29.

It is very desirable that, in addition to this amount, the treasury should be supplied with about \$2,000, designated by the donors for educational purposes; and a further sum of \$300 for the expense of transporting books and school apparatus to various stations. Such aid is much needed at stations in Minnesota, New Mexico, and other points where Missionaries labor among foreigners, but the ordinary funds of the Society are unavailable for those purposes. To all of which should be added \$28,000 for the Church Edifice Fund, making the aggregate of \$103,397 29 needed for the ensuing year.

This estimate is the result of careful calculation, based on proper data. The amount proposed for additional effort may appear large, but it should be borne in mind that two-thirds of it is for Missions on the Pacific coast and New Mexico, the outfits and travelling expenses to which are as large as those required for foreign stations, and that the annual support of Missionaries, when there, exceeds those at foreign stations. The great advance in the cost of living everywhere makes the remainder of the estimate necessary. Missionaries of the Society cannot perform the heavy services required on inadequate salaries. They who preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

## CONCLUSION.

It is cause of encouragement that the churches appear to be awaking from deep slumber on the subject of Home Missions, and that our country holds a more prominent place in their prayers and contributions; but to discern clearly her dangers and wants, thorough wakefulness and vigilance are indispensable.

The time has come when American Christians, in view of the numerous forms of corrupt religion and subtle infidelity prevalent in the land, and of the strong tendencies among the people to forget God, have solemn reason to bear their country before the throne of grace as one of the chief burdens of their prayers, and to accompany those prayers with such liberal pecuniary offerings as will prove their estimate of her happy institutions, and the spiritual welfare of her population, to be more precious than gold. If civil and religious liberty in the United States become impaired, what is all the world besides? If the gospel of Jesus Christ becomes less than the controlling element of our country's influence upon the nations, it will have been better for those nations that they had never felt her influence. And yet to impair those liberties and corrupt that influence is the aim and the work of anti-Christ,-of the man of sin everywhere, and nowhere more than at home-in our own loved home-the field of our all-important Mission.

The time has come, too, when ministers of the gospel, strong in mental and spiritual endowments, should personally enter the great arena of moral and religious conflict, where the enemy is intrenching himself against the day of trial which is at hand. The powerful young giant of the West can be controlled, under God, only by arming the pulpit of the West with sanctified intellect and holy feeling adapted to the emergencies of that day. The Board are not of those who look for the maintenance of truth and righteousness merely by might or by power. We glory in the belief that it is, and must be, by the Spirit of God. But in that arena the sword of the Spirit should be held by hands made able by Divine influences

and providences to wield it against the strongest enemies of the gospel.

May the members of this Society and all the disciples of Jesus Christ be assisted to lift up their eyes and behold that the fields are white for the harvest, and that it is their duty and privilege, as it will be for their usefulness, to enter it and reap.

By order of the Executive Board.

BENJAMIN M. HILL,

Corresponding Secretary.

## MISSIONARY TABLE.

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Toseph A. Dixson		Evansville	Sept. 1, 1852	1852	12	26	1	60	-	100 42	000	00 Church progressing more than statistics show.
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fames M. Maxwell	Plymouth	Plymouth and Marshall	Nov. 1,	1852	12		-	00		25 10	21 N	21 Needs more ministers in his region.
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John Reece.	Shelbyville.	Shelbyville and vicinity	April 1,	1853	175	52	2 31		120	16	35 T	16 church at S. building a meeting-house.
Jo	Warren	Warren Bluffton and Warren Ian 1 1863	April 1, 1854	1858	276	52	110	03	:	60 10	00 R	10 00 Religious interest in W. on the increase. The
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David S. French	Covington	Tippecanoe Association	April 1,	1853	12	79	20	7		-1110	TIM	(110 00) Two churches finished meeting-houses.

NAMES OF AGENTS AND MISSIONARIES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	FIELD OF LABOR.	Date of Commission	Months	Commis'd.	reported.	periddns	Received by	Letter.	Scholars in S. School.	Benevolent Objects.	ADDITIONAL FACTS REPORTED.
David S. French Eli Rees. James B. Allyn Wm. McCoy	Brookville Bluffton, Wells Co	Tippecanoe Association April 1, 1854 Brookville and vicinity May 1, 1862 Allen and Wells Co's April 1, 1853 Little York (4 of the time) Nov. 1, 1853	April 1, 18 May 1, 18 May 1, 18 April 1, 18 Nov. 1, 18		22222		1000	1000				00 Prospects very encouraging. 90 The inverse of the Church increasing. 90 Church revived. 90 Church revived.
B. M. Parks	Bedford		Nov. 1, 1852	852 1	12 39	9 10	83	12		50 15	8	150 155 00 Religion on the advance in his field, and
T. N. Robertson	Orleans, Orange Co	Bedford Association	Nov. 1, 1853 Nov. 1, 1852		12 12 39	10	19	19		125 50 104 210	88	00 Two churches building meeting-houses.
Asa Marsh	Evansville	Bloomington Evansville Association	Nov. 1, 1853 Dec. 1, 1852		12 13 39-	6	- 19	9		50 75	75 00	Organized a church at Mt. Carroll.  Cause of Missions rapidly gaining ground.  OO Congregations increasing, but still a deplor-
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Wm. McConnell B	Boonville	Evansville Association Dec.	Dec. 1, 1852	352 12	2 41	9	24	10		88		interest manifested.  Of Two churches building meeting houses. Revival. Organized a church in Pleasant
James Babcock	sames BabcockRochester, Fulton Co.	Ebenezer and Little Flock	Dec. 1, 1853 Oct. 1, 1852 Nov. 1, 1852	153 12 352 12 52 12	222	44	2101	284	135	5 26 5 185 185	838	Valley.  On Nothing special.  50 Religious interest quite favorable.  On Building a meeting-house at an out-station.
Wm. Gillaspy	Brownstown	Brownstown Association	M'ch 1, 1853	12 12	52	9	55	16		25 86	8	100 Revivals in several of his churches. Require
Sidney Dyer	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Nov. 1, 1852	52 12	39	-	24	22	135	5 75	9	Need no further aid. Grateful for past
L. G. Newgent	Bennettsville	Bethel Association	Dec. 1, 1852	52 12	39	4	25	12		190 153		03 Manyors. his churches
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U. B. Miller	U. B. Miller Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne	April 1, 1854 June 1, 1853	53 12	38		10	17	38	88	89	89 Church paid off debt on meeting-house. Pros-
G. F. Brayton Boor Village	11	Northern Ia. Association Bedford Association	July 1, 1853 Nov. 1, 1853	53 12 53 12	88	22	15	1-4		88	95 B B B	pects brightening.  Ob Building meeting-house at one station.  Sapatists numerous, but mixed up with anti-nomianism.
J. P. Barnett	Madison	Agt. for Ch. Edifice Fund.	Jan. 1, 1854	54 12	13	1	11	1	9	72	V 000	72 00 A new appointment.

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ADDITIONAL PAGTS REPORTED.		Exploring agent and general itinerant.	Labored some with the German Church in	St. Louis. 00 Church need no further aid. A temporary agency in the east for the Church	Edifice Fund.  Re-appointment to a new field.  Prospects of the Church brightening.	50 Prospects not so encouraging.  00 Need no further aid.  76 Many and peculiar abstacles to the progress.	of pure religion. An increased attendance upon the preaching	of the Word.  14 10 Has suffered from sickness and left the field.  Regioned nastofred charge for itingeant saveige.	Resigned as itinerant and removed to Iowa.	74 00 An interesting field, where more laborers are wanted. Organized a church at Sparta.	00 Infidelity prevalent; is encouraged notwith-	Standing. OO Congregations increasing. Raising funds to build a meeting-house, and	18 quite successiui. 5 67 Completed meeting-house. Revival. 59 23 Resigned to become an agent for Church Edi-	fice Fund.  The whole interest progressing.  Of Finished meeting-house.	00 Building a meeting-house. 00 Enlarged the plan for their meeting-house. 00 Sunday-school flourishing. Sabbath and pray-	or meetings well attended.  187 50 Meetings well attended.  6 30 Encouraged by the prospect of having a
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POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		Mt. Palatine	Highland-	Rock Island	" " Byron, Ogle Co	Dundee St. Charles	n	Metamora	St		Peoria	La Salle	Aurora, Kane Co	Greenville	Pekin, Tazewell Co	Westfield, Clark Co
NAMES OF AGENTS AND MISSIONARIES.	ILLINOIS.	Thomas Powell Mt. Palatine	B. E. S. Kupfer H.	F. Ketcham Rock Island	J. Edminster	Charles Button		Augustus B. Cramb	н. S. Deppe		J. H. Krüger	T. L. Breckenridge La	I. D. Newell	W. D. H. Johnson Greenville	G. S. Bailey	J. W. Riley Westfield, Clark Co

ADDITIONAL FACTS REPORTED.	90 Religion at a low ebb, and membership de-	70 Churches revived.  Sickness in his family.  00 Are greatly opposed by the wicked, but the	Report not due. 45 Completed meeting house. Prospects en-	Report not due. Organized a Church. Purposing to build a meeting-house. Revival.	20 00 Finishing a meeting-house. Influence of the Church increasing.	11 Resigned. 00 Large congregations. Need a meeting-house. Linerant. A destitute field. Preached to	large congregations.  On Left the field in consequence of ill-health.  On Church commenced a meeting house.  Completed meeting-houses at both stations.	Paying off debts on meeting-house. Revival. Church will attempt to build a meeting house. Finished meeting-house. Revival in progress. Congregations increased at all of his stations.	60 14 00 Their house of worship usually well filled with attentive hearers.		Exploiring agent and general itinerant Re appointment as a general itinerant Congregations good and attentive Gongregations good and attentive Responsible and the second of t
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FIELD OF LABOR.	GalenaBabcock's Grove, &c	Alexander & Jackson Co's. Oct. Cairo and other places Oct. Swedes in Rock Island, &c Feb.	Chester, Randolph Co. Chester and vicinity	Mt. Carroll and vicinity	" " Delavan and vicinity	Freeport and vicinity Woodstock and vicinity Carmi and vicinity	Oquawka and Fall Creek Somanauk and vicinity Lockport and Joliett	Ottawa and vicinity Urbana and vicinity Momence	Decatur and vicinity		ty.
POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Galena Danby, Dupage Co	Cairo Thebes Rock Island	" Chester, Randolph Co.	Mt. Carroll	Delavan	Freeport	Oquawka Bristol, Kendall Co Locknort.	Ottawa. Urbana. Momence.	Decatur		Sheboygan Falls Sheboygan Falls Ozaukee and vicini Scott, Sheboygan Co Scott, Cascade, &c.
NAMES OF AGENTS AND MISSIONARIES.	Asahel Chapin	H. H. Richardson G. Palmquist	M. B. Kelly	J. V. Allison.	8. S. Martin	Thomas Reese Samuel M. Brown	William T. Bly John Young	W. D. Clark I. H. Rees William Storrs	fohn N. Tolman	WISCONSIN.	James Delany Abner Lull Denis Mulhern Joseph L. Irwin

NAMES OF AGENTS AND MISSIONARIES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	FIELD OF LABOR.	Date of Commission	Months	Commis'd.	reported.	supplied.	Received by	Scholars in S. School.	Cont. to Benevolent Objects.	ADDITIONAL PACTS REPORTED.
Caleb Blood N. E. Chapin	Caleb Blood Geneva Beaver Dam	Geneva Beaver Dam	July 1, June 1, June 1, June 1,	1, 1852 1, 1852 1, 1853	222	113	1 17	1010	- 40	29 79	SON
Edward L. Harris Beloit	BeloitSheboygan	Beloit and vicinity	Mar. 1, 1 Sept. 1, 1	1852	222	298	999	44	120	200	ment made. 74 Resigns on account of ill-health. 60 Ch. embarrassed by debt on meeting-house.
S. Cornelius, Jr. Fo	Fond du Lac-	Lac.	المرام			1 ,	-  ·	رما د	11	3	
Alexander Hamilton. Newark, T. Barton W. J. Chapin Aztalan	Newark, Wash. Co Barton	rk and West Bend rk and Newburg				8288	es   es		1	25 2 25	Church very prosperous.  Purchased a lot for a meeting-house. Finished meeting-house by great effort.
Sherman Dearborn Lo	Lowell, Dodge Co	Lowell and vicinity	July 1, 1	1852	22	200	1-	1	27	-	50
	"		July 1, 1	1, 1853	12 3	39	-	4	27	7 75 00	5
Wm. H Card La D. E. Bowen W.	Sto	La Crosse & Lewis Valleys Watertown	Nov. 1. May 1,		12 3		60	40	88	18	gress. 00 Two churches nearly ready to be organized. 00 Revival.
;	;										Church have a lot and ming-house. A difficult
1 T. Ca	ndson	d vicinity					:	1	63	-	
,,	;	3 3	May 1, 1	1, 1853	12	37	1	1		6 65	65 Church been passing through trials; but wholesome discipline has corrected evils,
Harmon Ellis La	Lake Mills, Jeff. Co	Lake MillsNeenah and vicinity	June 1, 1852 July 1, 1852	1852	12 1	13	11	100	18	1000	and they are more prosperous.  State of society improving.  Paster encouraged. Congregation the largest
" "	*	Neenah and Green Bay	July 1, 1	1, 1853	12 3	39 4	4 1	4	50	12	00 Church at Green Bay removed their locality
William McKee	Omro, Winnebago Co.	Oniro and Oshkosh	June 1, 1852		12 1	13 4	1	1	10		Success not been all he could wish, and leaves
John Hinton	Thompsonville	R. ymond and Caledonia	Sept. 1, 1	1, 1853	122	26 2 13 1	-	0101	35	-	68 Religious interest encouraging.
C. A. Hewett	Whitewater	Whitewater	1			9	8	:	1		Congregations la ge and attentive; but the
David Matlock Lancaster	Lancaster	Lancaster and vicinity	Aug. 1, 1 Aug. 1, 1	1, 1852	12 1	19 3	-4	20	50	4	55 Cause slowly but constantly advancing Paster has been sick. Resigns his commis-
ames Squier	East Troy	East Troy	Aug. 1, 1852	852	12 2	26 2	4	-	50		7 00 Church need no further pecuniary aid.

NAMES OF AGENTS AND MISSIONARIES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	FIELD OF LABOR.	Commission Months Commission	Months	Weeks Isbor reported.	Stations supplied.	Baptized.	Received by Letter,	Scholars in S. School.	Cont. to Benevolent Objects.	ADDITIONAL FACTS REPORTED.
Salmon Morton	Darlington Sun Prairie	Darlington and vicinity	Oct. 1, 1853 Dec. 1, 1853	53 12 12 12 12	138	6100	11	604	75	11 50	11 50 Sickness in his family.
Thomas Bright E	Elkhorn		Nov.	52 12		0	11		99		Congregation large and attentive. Completed meeting-house.
Anthony Case	Waushara	Waushara	Oct.	52 53 12 53	88	00	- :	2020	100	12 00 20 00	12 00 Nothing special. 20 00 Pastor encouraged. Church passing an im-
D. D. Read	Columbus	Columbus and Portage	Dec. 1, 1852	52 12	39	-	-	1	60 1	00 90	60 105 00 A new field. Organized churches at two sta-
M. D. Miller	Madison			53 12	139	21-	4!	-!	35	40 00 19 87	100A good religious feeling in his churches. 87 Building a meeting house.
J. A. Pool	Munroe, Green Co	Mor	Mar.	33 12 12		4	: 88	15		12 00	Congregations large considering the place in which they have to meet.  Of Organized a Church at Decatur. Revival. Pros-
Joseph J. Bowman B.	Berry, Dane Co	Lodi and West Point	Mar.	53.53	39	4-	6131	100	r-84	4 53	pects pleasing. 53 A new field. Pastor much encouraged. 55 Church improving.
Platt Betts	Utica, Winnebago Co.	Utica and vicinity	HH		•	00	11	11		11	A new field. Finds much opposition. State
E. W. Cressy	Prescott, Pierce Co	E. W. Cressy Prescott, Pierce Co Point Prescott, &c	Oct. 1, 1853	12	26	63-	:	i	1	20 00 7	hurch at 1
J. W. Fish	Geneva		Dec. 1, 1853	12	13	1	1	i	1	25 00 I	now want a meeting-house.  On Labored successfully with two Churches where
Jesse M. Thurston L. Hutchins.	Jesse M. Thurston Packwaukee L. Hutchins.	Packwaukee and vicinity	Aug. 1, 1853 Sept. 1, 1853	3 12 12	88	97	9	œ œ	110	111	there were about forty conversions. Churches small but prospects promising. Some encouraging prospects.
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William Elliott. Brighton Filhu Gunn Keokuk	Brighton Keokuk	Brighton and Richland Brighton and Glasgow	Sept. 1, 1852 Sept. 1, 1853 Nov. 1, 1852	222	888	640	22%	25 50 x	30 74 150	3 60	3 00 Organized two Churches Church at an out-station building a meeting-
wm. A. Wells	Muscatine	Muscatine	Nov. 1, 1853 April 1, 1853	83 12 12	123	0100	100	4	170	11	house. Pastor on the whole encouraged. Church had some trials. Pastor resigned on
John Bates	Cascade	Cascade and vicinity	June 1, 1852 June 1, 1853	122	113		-11	10	20 2	5 00 N	20 00 Meeting-house progressing. 15 00 Meeting-house completed. Congregations

NAMES OF AGENTS AND MISSIONARIES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	FIELD OF LABOR.	Date of Commission	of	Months b'simmoD	Weeks laber reported.	beilqqua	Baptized.	Scholars in S. School.	Cont. to Benevolen Objects.	ADDITIONAL FACTS REPORTED.
Hiram Burnett	Mt. Pleasant.	Jefferson and vicinity	June 1, 1852	1852	12	13	4	6	40		Building meeting-houseat J. Require no fur-
Wm. H. Turton Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	0et. 1,	1852	12	28			2 120	24 37	
ash	J. A. Nash.	Fort Des Moines		1, 1852	121	-	00	1-	500	31	00 Will ask no further aid. Opened a school to
George Scott	Maquoketa	Maquoketa and vicinity	Oct. 1,	1, 1852	12	56	00	1	3 40	00 19	4
	West Union	West Union and Auburn	0ct. 1,	1, 1853	12	26	63	-	00		creasing in benevolence. Finished meeting house at West Union. Re-
	Towa City		H			39	1 2	21 12	96	3	vival in progress. Revival. Prospects encouraging.
R. B. Arnold. Three Rivers	Three Rivers	ve & vicinity	باب	1853	22	39	6	5 15	109	111	Prospects still flattering. Organized a Church at one of his stations, and
3 0	" "	Hartford and Indianola	Oct. 1,	1, 1853	212	328	5.6	150	6 71		-
rdward O. Towne Donaparte.	Donaparte	Donaparte and vicinity							-		
John C. Ward	Burlington	Spring and Augusta.	Dec. 1, Sept. 1,	1, 1852	222	136	1010	- 1	100	56 28	Long and Organized
		-	sept. 1,	1893		01	1		:	:	She has since died, and he returned
	Davenport	2d Church, Davenport	June 1,	1852	22	39	3	10 10	200	82 80 80	Meeting house progressing. Revival. A new impulse given to the Church.
Elijah Evans	Apple Grove		Aug. 1,	1, 1852		26	60	5 12		-	
C. D. Farnsworth	Colesburgh	Colesburgh and vicinity	Aug. 1,	1, 1852		56	4	100	6	20 00	
	*	" " "	F	1853	12	26	20	10	120	-	
Israel C. Curtis	Pella, Marion Co	:	rí.	1852		126	100	- 0	40	44 25	
Darine H. Paul	La Claire Scott Co.	Camanche and La Claire	Oct. 1,	1852	121	56	14	1.0	99	12	Finished meeting house at Camanche.
	Camanche		1	1853	12	56	00			7 00	
	Pella, Marion Co	P. & vicinity	ri,	1853	225	33	37-	F	45		A progressive state of good religious feeling. Ruilding a macting-house.
N. S. Bastion.	Dubuque	Swedes in B. and vicinity.	Nov. 1.	1853	121	13	100	1	-		Labors successful amidst much opposition.
: :	Muscatine		1	1853	12	-	1	1	-	-	A new appointment.
1	Decora	Northern Iowa	Jan. 1,	1854	12	13	1	1	1	8 8	A new and destitute field. Mr. S. the only Baptist minister in three adjoining counties.
J. V. De Witt				1	1	-	1	1	-		A new appointment.

"ADDITIONAL FACTS REPORTED.	56	ments.  Spiritual condition of the Church improved.  6.25. Resigned.  7.18 Congregation declined on account of other denominations having better meeting.	houses. Destitute fields of much promise. Labored on the field but a small the quarter on account of his ref.	Paul for important purposes. Church at M. are desirous of building a meet-	EP	the valley. A re-appointment to a new field.		Exploring agent and general itinerant. Labored with several outerbes with much success, and many were baptized. Nothing special. Commenced building a meeting-house. Pastor resigned. Successful in his mission. College in a prosperous state considering its infancy. A new appointment. Detained from his feel. A new appointment. Detained from his feel.	on account of severe stemmers
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FIELD OF LABOR. C	Stillwater, &c	St. Anthony	Hennepen Co Ohippewa Indians	Minneapolis, &c 0	Anoka, Itaska, &c D.	Pembina		Oregon Oregon City & other places Table Rock and vicinity. Itinerant	
POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Stillwater	St. Anthony	". Pembina	Minneapolis	St. Anthony			Oregon City  " " Table Rock Oregon City	
NAMES OF AGENTS AND MISSIONARIES.	MINNESOTA. Julius S. Webber Sti	Lyman Palmer St.	E. W. Cressy	T. B. Rogers	L. Atkinson St. Wilson Cogswell St.	Samuel T. Catlin		OREGON.  Ezra Fisher  G. C. Chandler Jas S. Read J. D. Post	

NAMES OF AGENTS AND MISSIONARIES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	FIELD OF LABOR.	Date of Commission Months	Months Commis'd. Weeks labor	Weeks labor reported. Stations	'penddns	Baptized, Received by	Letter. Scholars in	S. School. Cont. to Benevolent Objects.	ADDITIONAL PACTS REPORTED.	981.:1
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evi O. Grenell San	San Jose	San Jose and Santa Clara. Sept. 1, 1852	Sept. 1, 1852 Sept. 1, 1853	22	88	61	60	90		ZE	
m. Rollinson	San Francisco	Pine-st Ch. San Francisco.	Sept. 1, 1852 Sept. 1, 1853	22	88	- 1	13 6	72	THE RESIDENCE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN	San Jose. Prospects very favorable. Pastor been sick. 270 00 Expect to build a meeting-house at once.	
B. Saxton	Stockton	Stockton	Feb. 1, 1853	112	- 52	The state of	6 :	23		Prospects very encouraging.  Organized a Church. Purchased a lot and house, and fitted it up for public worship.	
		th an	15 to 50	ilio e			No.			Prospects encouraging. Financial condi- tion of the Church not so good as hereto- fore.	
B. Stone	Marysville	 Marysville	Feb. 1, 1854 Jan. 1, 1854	22	11		11			Report not received.	
A. Taft				1		1				Detained from his field on account of the severe sickness of his wife.	
NEW MEXICO.	erganta erganta oraxe ununta	otios ori ectro ocen-	gelakeril Sanda gala jaka	400 g	estelle.	U 141		Miles.		的 我	
iram W. Read Albuquerque	Albuquerque	Albuquerque, &c	Aug. 1, 1852	12	56	+		14		School gradually gaining favor. Much of his time during the last quarter detained at	
"	3	porv	Aug. 1, 1853 12		36	61	-	9		home on account of Mrs. K.'s severe and dangerous illness. Organized a Church. Distributed many Bibles	
wis Smith Santa Fe	Santa F6	Santa Fe	Aug. 1, 1852	12	56			10		and religious books. Congregations have been large and attentive. Obliged to suspend Spanish preaching.	
	79	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Aug. 1, 1853	12	26	1				Building a meeting house. Sees no immediate fruit of his labor; general indifference to the subject of religion in	
	Fort Defiance	Fort D. & the Navajo Ind's Dec.	1, 1852	12		-	i			his field. Finished meeting-house. Labors among the Navajoes promising.	
muel Gorman Laguna	Laguna	Pueblo Indians	1, 1852	22	1 :		11		A 22 CO.	1 25 An additional school started at Corera, a Mexican village, under encouraging circum.	
*			Oct. 1, 1853 12   13	12.	<u>s</u>	-					51

## EXPLANATION OF THE MISSIONARY TABLE.

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### The parallel columns show:

- 1. The names of Agents and Missionaries, and the States in which they reside.
- 2. The post-office address of Agents and Missionaries.
- 3. The fields of labor occupied by Agents and Missionaries.
- 4. The dates at which the appointments commence.
- 5. The number of months for which the appointments are respectively made.
- 6. The number of weeks labor reported as having been performed during an appointment.
- 7. The number of stations and outstations supplied.\*
- 8. The number of persons baptized by the Missionaries within the time of appointment.
- 9. The number received by letter.
- 10. The number of scholars in Sabbath-schools under the care of Missionaries.†
- 11. The amount contributed to benevolent objects.
- 12. Additional facts reported concerning the state and progress of the Churches.‡
- \* Stations are churches or villages regularly supplied on the Lord's-day, and are indicated in column 3. Outstations are places where the Missionaries have stated appointments for preaching more or less frequently at other times than the Lord's-day.
- † In new places, where Union schools are established, the number of scholars connected with Baptist families only are reported.
- ‡ In many cases two lines appear for the same Missionary, extending through all the columns. In such cases the second line indicates a re-appointment of the Missionary, and the dates in column 4 determine to which appointment or year the statistics and remarks on the different lines belong. A particular notice of those dates is necessary to a proper understanding of certain changes which appear against the names of some individuals.

## STATE CONVENTIONS

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## GENERAL ASSOCIATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES,

With the Names and Post Office Address of the Corresponding Secretaries; the Time and Place of their Anniversaries for 1854; the number of Missionaries employed, and amount of Receipts into their Treasuries, for 1853, including Balances of the previous year.

STATES.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	PLACE OF NEXT ANNIVERSARY.	Time of Anniversary	No. of Missionaries	Receipts for Dom. Miss. in 1853.
Maine	L. B. Allen	Yarmouth	Bangor	June 20	30	4126 65
New Hampshire	H. D. Hodge	Sanbornton	New London	Oct. 18	17	1868 89
Vermont.	John Goadby	Poultney	N'th Bennington	Oct. 4	8	2698 35
Massachusetts	George W. Bosworth	South Boston	New Bedford	Oct. ' 25	43	3089 32
Rhode Island	Warren Randolph	Providence			14	1935 49
Connecticut	E. Cushman	Deep River	Hartford	June 13	14	1891 05
New York	M. G. Hodge	Albany	Syracuse	Oct. 10	65	14366 02
New Jersey	J. M. Carpenter	Jacobstown	Haddonfield	Oct. 31	22	2904 59
Pennsylvania	A. Levering	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	Oct. 25	23	5502 68
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North Carolina						
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*Mississippi	W. Carey Crane	Hernando de So				
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	- R. C. Burleson				1	1769 34
*Tennessee						
	-					
Missouri	- Leland Wright			May 2	13	1282 72
	- W. Stockdale				1	1059 49
*Southern Illinois				100		
	H. C. Skinner			Sept	. 18	1735 79
	D. A. Randall.		Wooster	100 700		3605 0
	S. Graves		Niles		3 17	1386 5
Wisconsin		Kenosha			5 2	405 9
†Iowa					0	
‡California				1000		1 1997 (1997)

Total amount reported for Home and Domestic Mission purposes.......\$106,531 72

\* No Reports received from these States.

<sup>\*</sup> No Reports received from these States.
† Collections in these States paid directly into our Treasury.
† Organized last September.

## AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ALL THE STATES, SINCE 1832.

Total for each State.	9.1
1864.	91 91 164 9 168 9
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1846.	884 70 528 41 673 95 1,186 38 6,520 49 6,520 49 1,686 85 6,520 49 1,28 85 1,28
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# PRIMARY SOCIETIES AND THEIR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE 1845.

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TREASURERS.	Mrs. Phelps. Mrs. S. F. Randolph. Miss Mary Colgate C. G. Morse. George P. Brush. Mrs. A. M. Fessenden, Sec. Mrs. B. F. Crowll. Isaac Stelle. Miss Rachel Knox. Mrs. B. A. Butler. Mrs. B. A. Butler. H. P. Skinner. L. Roberts.
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NAMES OF SOCIETIES.	Stanton street F. H. M. Society  Norfolk street do do Cannon Street do do Cannon Street do do Cannon Street do do Cannon Street do do Cannon Street do do Cannon Street do do Cannon Street Church Young Men's Mis. Soc. First Church Sunday School of Cannon street Church Sunday School of Gatanton street Church Female Western Mission Society Female Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends School of Baldwin Place Young People's Mission Society Frends School of South Church Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Mission Society Frends Home Mission Society Frends Ho

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TREASURERS.	Mrs. L. Colby A. Babcock M. Heath Mrs. R. M. Burdick Mrs. J. N. Murdock Mrs. Booth Wrs. Booth
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NAMES OF SOCIETIES.	Sunday School of First Church Female Mission Society, Union Church Sunday School of Minity street Sunday School of Pierrepout street Sunday School of Pierrepout street Sunday School of Pierrepout street Sunday School of Pierrepout street Weekly Contributor's Society Weekly Contributor's Society Female Mission Society Female Mission Society Sunday School of Fifth Church Sunday School of Fifth Church Sunday School of Fifth Church Sunday School of Fifth Church Ladies Mission Society, Berean Church Ladies Mission Society, Berean Church Ladies Mission Society Sunday School Ladies Mission Society Sunday School Ladies Mission Society Female M

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TREASURERS.	J. R. Osgood Mrs. J. Gibbs
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NAMES OF SOCIETIES.	Sunday School Tadeis Ben. Soc. First Church Union Miss Sunday School Mission Seeving Circle Tadies Circle Sunday School Tadies Circle Sunday School Select of Inquiry Sunday School First Church Ladies H. M. S. Union Church Sunday School, Washington Ave. Church Sunday School, Washington Ave. Church Sunday School, Washington Ave. Church Sunday School, Oretral Church Sunday School, Oretral Church Sunday School, Central Church Sunday School, Wasion Society Female Mission Society Franch Sunday School, North Church Juvenile Mission Society

## LIST OF LEGACIES,

## PAID TO THE SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

1834	Dea. Josiah Penfield, Savannah, Ga., per Rev. H. O. Wyer	1250	00	
1835	Mrs. Clarissa Long, Shelburn, Mass., per W. Wilder, Esq., Executor	37	50	
**	William Powers, Hebron, N. H., per Rev. I. Merriam	100	00	
44	Miss Maria Curtis, Southbridge, Mass., per Rev. E. Going	200	00	
41	Mrs. Jemima Elliott, Hampton, Ct., per Rev. J. Payne, Executor	100	00	)
1836	Mrs. Betsey Sprague, Attleboro', Mass., per Mr. A. Reed, Executor	451	25	
**	Robert Rogers, Esq., Newport, R. I.	25	00	)
44	Ebenezer Boyd, Providence, R. I.	10	00	)
1839	Mrs. Abigail Marshall, New York, per Mr. Schofield, Executor	702	17	1
66	Mrs. Margaret Pugsley, Dutchess Co., N. Y., per Miss Cornelia Pugsley	280	00	)
**	Mrs. Irene Coats, New York, per Alfred Decker, Esq	250	00	)
1841	Mrs. Elizabeth G. Moore, Hartford, Ct., per J. B. Gilbert, Esq.	200	00	)
1845	Nathaniel Tucker, Esq., Milton, Mass., per W. D. Ticknor, Esq.	2005	0	)
	3 Mrs. Margaret Martin, Montgomery, N. Y., per Mr. J. J. Martin, Executor	100		
"	Miss Cynthia M. Wright, Suffield, Ct., per H. Sheldon, Administrator	50	0	0
1844	Mr. Zephaniah Eddy, New Bedford, Mass., per Rev. H. Jackson, Executor	150	0	0
44	Mr. Josiah Kendall, Groton, Mass., per F. F. Wheelock and Rev. Amasa Sanderson,			
	Executors	1150	0	0
46	Miss Jane McCall, Society Hill, S. C., per John McIver, Esq.	20	0	0
44	Miss Lydia Sweetzer, South Reading, Mass., per H. Sweetzer	324	5	0
45	Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin, New York, per one of her heirs		3	
**	Don. Postan Finn, Cormish, M. H., per Mr. A. Durnap		0 (	
•4	Thomas Cooper, Esq., Eatonton, Ga., per Hon. M. A. Cooper, Executor	2000	0 (	0
41	Miss Betsy Hutchinson, Passumpsic, Vt., per L. P. Parks, Esq		0 (	
4	Mer. Amos Dodge, Brighton, Macoupin Co., 111., by his widow		0 0	
•	Mr. John Ward, Warren, N. Y., per J. Northrop and A. Ward, Executors			
184	5 Joseph H. Hayden, Saybrook, Ct., per H. L. Champlin, Executor			
	6 John Allen, Centreville, R. I., in part, per H. Hamilton and Rev. E. K. Fuller, Ex'rs.	400		
	act. vesse mercer, with Co., Ga., per nev. B. M. Saunders, Executor	133	1 3	57
•	and and briven, McDonough, N. 1., per Rev. John Peck	4/	6	
•	ars. Betsy Haykes, Cincinnatus, N. 1., per Trustees of the Baptist Society			
•	ars. Cuariotte Cole, Alexandria, D. C., per Robert Bell, Esq., Executor		0 (	JU
•	Dea. Medad Jackson, West Meredith, N. Y., per Messrs. H. Jackson, and William Stillson, Executors	. 110	5	00
	" Mrs. Urania Grant, West Wrentham, Mass., per R. E. Eddy, Esq	. 2	0	00
	Mr. Richard Dubois, Malta, N. Y., per Mr. H. J. Rogers, Executor	. 5	0	
18	47 Dea. Saxton Bailey, Lebanon, Ct., per Executor.	_ 10		
	" Mr. Lewis Porter, Covert, N. Y., in advance, per J. McLellan	. 25		
	" Miss Mary Havens, St. Catharine's, Canada West, per Rev. E. Savage	. 6	8	
	" Miss Amanda Hadley, Brattleboro', N. H., per Rev. J. Z. Foster	_ 2	25	
	James Shearer, Canada West, in part, per Rev. E. Savage	_ 15		
	L. Crossman, Elbridge, N. Y., in advance	. 3	30	0

1848	William Jones, Iowa City, Iowa, per G. W. Hampton, Esq., Executor	25	
"	Hon. James Vanderpool, Newark, per B. Vanderpool, Esq., Executor	1000	00
"	Miss Susan Farrar, Keene, N. H., per Rev. G. Robins	10	00
. 44	Mrs. Eunice Nicholls, Cambridge, Mass., per E. Mansfield, Executor	500	00
46	Mrs. Hannah Carleton, Portland, Me., per Rev. G. J. Carleton, Administrator	500	00
1849	Mr. Samuel R. Stelle, Piscataway, N. J., per Lewis R. Stelle, Esq., Executor	200	00
"	Mrs. Phebe Gale, East Bennington, Vt., per Executor of Estate of S. Harmon	25	00
u	Mr. William Reynolds, Boston, Mass., per J. H. Duncan, Esq., and Mrs. Susan D.		
	Reynolds, Executors, in land not sold		
11	Josiah Lyman, Andover, Ct., per N. B. Lyman, Executor		00
"	John J. Martin, Montgomery, N. Y., per M. Bookstaver, Executor.		
**	Mrs. Martha Howe, West Boylston, Mass., per Messrs. E. J. Howe & Co		00
u	A. H. Reed, Sweden, N. Y., per Rev. D. Searl		00
**	Asa H. Trueman, Owego, N. Y., per E. Trueman, Executor	248	7
	George D. James, Amenia, N. Y., J. K. Mead and N. Rose, Executors	100	
"	John Everett, Manchester, Mich., per F. Everett		00
44	Jacob Whitman, Belvidere, Ill., in part, per N. Crosby, Esq	100	00
44	Jonas Taylor, Boston, Mass	12	50
4	Miss Rebecca Thompson, Amenia, N. Y., per A. B. Capwell	801	00
46	Joanna Minot, Boston, Mass., per E. Mears and I. Parker, Executors	100	00
**	Claudius F. Brown, Arkwright, N. Y., per David Barrell	150	00
46	Miss Anna Roe, Egremont, Mass., per R. B. Brown, Executor	50	00
1851	David Schauber, Burnt Hills, N. Y., per J. & D. M. Schauber, Executors	10	00
**	Woolcot Griffin, Gouverneur, N. Y., per O. L. Barnum, Executor	100	00
46	Joseph Flanders, Brooklyn, N. Y., per Mrs. Eliza A. Flanders and Benj. Flanders	500	00
64	William Williams, New York, per John Allan, Executor	400	00
"	Ely Wiley, South Reading, Mass	50	00
1852	Miss Pharozene C. Kelly, Hopkinton, N. H., per John Page	50	00
44	Jonathan W. Ford, Boston, Mass	100	00
"	Theron Fisk, Warsaw, N. Y., in advance	2500	00
44	Joshua A. Burke, Brooklyn, N. Y., per Mrs. E. and W. A. Burk	350	00
**	Miss Eliza Skaats, New York, in part, per G. N. Bleecker, Executor	1000	00
66	Barnum M. Howard, Sweden, N. Y., per H. M. Howard, Executor	20	00
1853	Alanson Stewart, Liberty, N. Y., per W. W. Murphy	5	00
"	Mrs. Sarah B. Peirce, Middleboro', Mass	100	00
"	Arnold Whipple, Providence, R. I., per Mrs. P. Whipple, Executrix	. 200	00
64	Mrs. Fanny McGilvreay, Brookline, N. H. (Annuity), per H. A. Daniels, Administrator	40	00
**	Mrs. Lucretia Goddard, Worcester, Mass., per Hon. J. Davis, Executor	300	00
4	P. F. Brayton, Providence, R. I., per A. K. Brayton	62	00
"	Mrs. L. D. Gale, Washington, D. C.	50	00
1854	Edward Rogers, Chester, Ill., per Rev. M. B. Kelly	5	00
. 44	Miss Esther Ann Blakely, Pawlet, Vt., per Rev. J. J. Peck	73	00
4	Daniel Cummings, Chelsea, Mass., per Eaton, Executor	1000	00
46	Mrs. Mary Leuce, Bristol, R. I., per J. F. Baars		50

## IMPORTANT WHEN WILLS ARE MADE.

LEGACIES are sometimes diverted from the purposes of testators, on account of technical informalities, especially in the devising clause. The following form of bequest has been approved by high legal authority, to which we solicit the careful attention of those friends who kindly intend to place the Society among their legatees, as one which, if followed, will secure to us the favors intended.

## FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## ON TOPICS PRESENTED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

AT PHILADELPHIA, MAY 11th, 12th, 13th, AND 14th, 1854

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY NOTICES.

Presented through Rev. Dr. Belcher, of Philadelphia, Chairman.

"And the voice said, Cry; and I said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof as the flower of the field; the grass withereth, the flower fadeth." It is even so. Hence, your Committee on the decease of beloved associates in this holy cause have to report that never before has Death removed, in any one year, so many Life Directors and Life Members of this Society, as during the year just completed; and never before has he visited so many of the high places of the field, and cut down so many trees of righteousness of distinguished strength and beauty. Eight Life Directors have fallen beneath his arrows. Among these were found Dr. Daniel Sharp, distinguished alike for dignity and practical wisdom; Dr. Elisha Tucker, of noble and generous heart, and his brother, both in the flesh and in the Lord, Dr. Levi Tucker, of active and successful zeal; Garrat Noel Bleecker, the estimable merchant and the liberal Christian; and Colonel J. M. Washington, a Christian soldier and founder of the Mission to New-Mexico.

Of three other Life Directors, and of the twenty-two Life Members who have fallen beneath the power of death the last year, nine of whom were ministers, we could speak with pleasure did the limits of this Report allow. They manifested their holy zeal by their labors, their contributions, their influence and their prayers. Faithfully did they serve Christ, and sweet was their experience of his reward. Your Committee are almost compelled to say a word or two of the constant and long-continued services of the Hon. Friend Humphrey, the eminently patriotic citizen, and an able and liberal officer of our Society; and with equally sacred interest could they expatiate on the characters of Pegg and Ulyatt, men who used "the office of a deacon well," and, with others we must not stay to name, obtained "a good report of all men and of the truth itself." Two female Life Directors and six female Life Members are among the deceased. Of these, four were the wives of ministers, all removed in the prime of life. Of these eight excellent Christian women, it may be testified that "they did what they could," and we doubt not they have heard from the lips of the Redeemer the blessed plaudit, "Well done!"

But though death has thus taken from our side our beloved associates, he has effected no triumph. They yet live and are still united with us in the service of our common Lord. True, they have passed before us into another world, but "they serve him day and night continually in his temple." Death has not destroyed, nay, he has not injured our holy cause. "The word of the Lord endureth forever; and this is the word which by the Gospel" continues and shall continue to be preached and otherwise extended by our beloved Society. There are no irreparable losses in the Church of God; He who has "the residue of the Spirit," when he removes his servants to other departments of labor, provides and qualifies others to discharge the duties which we had feared would cease to be fulfilled. "The zeal of the Lord of hosts," is abundantly sufficient to "perform this," and well do we know that the kingdom of Immanuel "must increase."

Your Committee trust, however, that their honored fathers and friends will suffer themselves to be reminded that the departure of our fellow-laborers has increased both our responsibilities and our duties. The conflict in which we are engaged must not cease; as soldiers fall, others must step into their places, take up their weapons, and press onward to victory. Those who have fallen in the conflict have left us blessed examples, and have made delightful progress in the work which engaged their energies. Our difficulties are less in number and in character than theirs, and our prospects every day become brighter. The demands of our country, the claims of our Redeemer, and, we will add, the removal of our associates and fellow-laborers, all call for renewed, and persevering, and prayerful labors for the glory of God in the salvation of men. "Wherefore, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the" sins of indifference, of indolence, and of avarice, "and run with patience the race" of holy activity and usefulness "which is set before us, looking unto Jesus" as our great example, the exalted Redeemer for whose sake we labor, and the Giver of the reward of infinite grace.

Brethren, let us be imitators, in all that is holy, of our beloved companions who now inherit the fulfilment of the promises of God, that we may hereafter meet them with holy confidence and joy, having finished the work given us to do.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

Presented by their Chairman, Rev. S. Dyer, of Indiana.

We are convened in a city of holy and patriotic reminiscences. It was here that the great principle of equal brotherhood was first proclaimed in that immortal document which gave our nation being as a free Republic; and here was exhibited that unparelleled instance of patriotism, which pledged "life, fortune, and sacred honor," in defence of the freedom and rights of man. But the peculiar fact which now revives in memory, is that which associates the place of our convocation with the race on whose claims your Committee have been instructed to report. While other adventurers and settlers on the Continent of America, with an almost fatal unanimity, treated the unsuspecting abori-

gines with thoughtless barbarity, and open disregard of truth and right; here was manifested that instance of rectitude of dealing and sacred regard for the welfare of the race, that has stamped the name of Wm. Penn among the greatest of the age, and made his treaty with the Indians one of the facts in our history to which we delight to point the eyes of admiring nations. Meeting on a consecrated spot like this, surrounded by the waters of two beautiful streams, whose names will ever tell of the Indians dwelling here, it would be indeed surprising if no attention was bestowed upon the remnant of that people, whose history is so strikingly associated with this great city.

In presenting this subject for the consideration of the Society, the first question will naturally be: "Does this work appropriately belong to the A. B. H. M. Society?" Heretofore it has been held as a part of the great field of Foreign Missions. When it was thus regarded, the Indians were far removed from the borders of civilization, isolated and comparatively unaffected by the influences of the white race. But the developments of the last decade of years have broken down all these barriers, and brought the two races into immediate juxtaposition, so that the Home Missionary and the Foreign Missionary now intermingle in their labors, and cross each others trails as they "go preaching the Gospel," in the Far West. It is no longer a "foreign field," but "home, sweet home," now extends from sea to sea. Geographically, therefore, it belongs to this Society as a part of the great home field.

In addition to this, Providence has thrown the work into your hands by the peculiar train of events which led your Board to engage in the enterprise, almost without premeditation, which facts are too familiar to require repetition. Subsequent events have fully justified the initiatory steps taken in this new work, and we think it should now be regarded as a settled principle, that the work of Indian Missions is a prominent part of the great Home Missionary enterprise.

We would wish to present with great urgency, the pressing necessity for promptness and liberality in carrying forward this department of your labors. We noticed with pleasure, that the Mission to the tribes on the head waters of the Mississippi, was to be increased this year; also, a small addition to that of New Mexico; but such is the exigency of the case, that this is far from meeting the just claims of the field.

It is a fact of well authenticated history, that the unchristianized Indians cannot dwell in contact with the whites and prosper. They waste away with a sure and rapid fatality. Within less than a quarter of a century, many of our Western States have been thus depopulated of their aboriginal inhabitants, and the ruin is now accelerated with a ten-fold activity, by the settlement of Oregon, California, New Mexico, Utah, and the North West Territory, bringing the Indians within the influence of a whirlpool, which is, daily, engulfing more beneath its dark waters of death, than the mighty Maelstrom of Norway has ever done since the whirl of its waters first began. There is but one alternative in the premises: Christianization or extirpation, ere another quarter of a century passes by. Not the Sioux, Chippewas, Navajos, or Pueblos alone stand in this pressing need of immediate help, but many tribes in the Far West are

uttering the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us;" and the condition of all demands prompt action. The associations connected with every hill and valley of our land, re-echo this call; and who will dare longer to treat it with disregard or neglect? Let such a one, as he kneels to pray by the deserted homes and over the desecrated graves of a noble and almost extinct race, listen to the spirits of its departed ancestors, as in the last great day, they will charge home upon him: "I was hungry, and ye gave me no meat; naked, and ye clothed me not; in darkness, and ye gave me not the 'light of life,' to guide my feet in the ways of peace"; and who will take the responsibility to answer to the charge?

As to the plan of operations, your Committee are of the decided opinion, that the same general line of conduct should be pursued as in Missions to the white settlements. There has been, for no good reason, in the judgment of your Committee, a wide departure from this course in almost all efforts hitherto made to ameliorate the condition of the Indians. Unwise connections have been made with Government agents to civilize and enlighten, ere looking for the spiritual harvest of souls; and in nearly all of these instances, the results have sadly disappointed the expectations of the laborers, while the usual success has attended those Missions which have pursued the line of duty marked out in the great commission, to "preach the Gospel."

Who can stand on the bank of the "Father of Waters," and cast his eye eastward, and remember that the whole country was once the undisputed home of millions of red men, and not feel his heart swell with the deepest emotions of sadness, and his eyes overflow with sympathetic tears, for the fallen of a mighty people. Once their wigwams were clustering along the borders of every stream, and reposing in the shade of the green valleys; their canoes were the only craft cleaving the waters of our beautiful rivers, and their shouts and songs waking an echo to break the brooding stillness from the Atlantic to the "land which slopes to the Western Main." Now all, all have passed away; their canoes have yielded the highway of waters to the steam-boat, whose ceaseless reverberations now awake the echoes of their native hills; their trails and war-paths are obliterated by the iron tracery of railroads, and the locomotive screams and rattles along, where the crouching hunter sought with care the footsteps of his panting prey. Nothing is left in these fair broad lands to evidence their existence here, but the bleaching bones of their ancestors, and the verbal monuments they have erected upon our mountains and limned upon our streams.

"But though amid the forests,
There rings no hunter's shout,
Their names are on our waters,
We may not wash them out;
Their memory liveth on our hills,
And on our wave-beat shore,
Where the everlasting rivers speak
Their dialect of yore."

Could the Indian, when the white man first came to his shore, have cast his eye far down the vista of the future, and had but a glimpse of what his race

was doomed to suffer by the contact, how would he have shrunk appalled at the sight, and prayed to die, ere he should become an outcast, with none to weep over his fall.

Our conceptions of Indian character have generally been in outline, having the form and lineaments of humanity, without the usual attributes of mind and heart; a piece of mere animated clay, decked out in paint and feathers, with a vampire's thirst for blood, and a demon's passion for evil. But under the genial influences of the missionary spirit, the "painted clay" begins to assume the form of well-developed manhood, entitled to the sympathies of a common brotherhood. We have no longer, when we delineate his character, to write under the etching, "This is a man," before the similitude is recognized. This is a great point gained to favor the labors in which the Society are just engaging. The Indian is no longer regarded as unyielding as a block of granite from his native mountains, and as uncontrollable as the winds which rustles through the leaves of his forest home.

The Indians have too long been left to the influence of men whose only desire was the gratification of the basest passions. They have been too far sequestered from the great highways of trade and commercial enterprise, to attract the attention of intelligent merchants and tradesmen, hence, they are visited mostly by the lowest description of traffickers, whose distance from the established restraints of justice, emboldens them to perpetrate all forms of villany to accomplish their base ends. The natural consequences of this has been to produce a wider and deeper state of demoralization than they ever knew, prior to such unholy intercourse. They have imbibed all the meaner vices, without acquiring a single virtue as an offset.

The first rays of dawning intelligence derived from the whites, which streaked the horizon of their moral sky, have been transmitted through a medium so beclouded with pestilential vapor, as to produce, in many instances, a chronic moral insensibility, forming the most formidable barrier to success in their evangelization. We, who can appreciate the temporal and spiritual benefits of a pure and enlightened christianity, ought to adopt some adequate remedy for this contagion of vice, and to impart to the hapless victims of a schooled and artful depravity, the life giving power, to reform and save. The work is ours, and it should be promptly and liberally carried forward.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE "FAR WEST."

Presented through their Chairman, Rev. O. C. Wheeler, of California.

Your Committee would make no invidious comparison between the different portions of the Home Mission field. In presenting their report, therefore, upon the "Far West," they make for it no other claim than appears from the following statement of facts:

The "Far West" now embraces all of our possessions upon the Pacific

slope extending from the Sierra Nevada mountains on the east, to the Pacific ocean on the west, and from the thirty-second to the forty-eighth degree of north latitude; including the territories of Washington and Oregon, and the State of California. The chief elements which give importance to that field are found in—

1st. The Extent and Character of the Country.—California possesses an area of 188,981 square miles; Oregon and Washington have an area of 341,-463; making a total of 530,443 square miles. But these numbers will convey no adequate idea of the extent of territory they express, unless elucidated by a comparison with other and more familiar districts of country. Oregon and Washington contain territory enough to form seven states, equal in size to the seven largest of our northwestern states, viz., Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota; or an area about equal to that embraced in the original thirteen states of our Union. California embraces an area equal to that contained in the states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, and Delaware. California has 970 miles of sea-coast, and Oregon 480 miles, making a total of 1,450 miles, being nearly equal to our entire Atlantic coast. Such is the extent of the region we denominate the "Far West"; and the resources of that region are upon a scale of equal magnitude.

The mineral wealth of those territories is of exceeding richness, and is almost inexhaustible in amount. The gold mines of California, and the immense deposits of cinnabar found through a large portion of that state, will be sources of wealth for many years, while the coal fields of Oregon and the quarries of granite and marble in California will yet afford profitable employment to thousands.

The agricultural capacities of the Pacific slope are equal to those of any portion of the world. The soil, of virgin richness, yields, with limited culture, the most liberal harvests, and is admirably adapted to nearly every variety of vegetable and farinaceous production, while all the fruits of the temperate zone, and many of tropical varieties, attain the highest perfection. Possessing such advantages, united to a genial climate and an atmosphere of unsurpassed salubrity, these states can scarcely fail to become the prosperous home of millions. Did their importance rest solely, or even chiefly, upon the deposits of gold there existing, it might lessen, and the country now teeming with life and energy might again become a solitude if time should exhaust that source of wealth. But it is not so. While the possession of such treasures gives present prosperity, the continued progress of the "Far West" depends not alone upon the continuance of its mineral wealth; its guaranty is found in its genial climate, its fertile soil, its forests and fisheries, its coal fields and quarries, and in its manufacturing and commercial facilities. The ample resources which cluster there are the material from which the wealth and power of a nation is produced.

2d. THE CHARACTER AND CONDITION OF ITS POPULATION.—In this respect the "Far West" possesses a character peculiar to itself. The number of the population may be set down at 350,000, but of these fully 300,000 are men. This fact stands without a parallel. Here, in a population of 350,000, we find

the active element ordinarily existing in and diffused through one and a quarter millions of people! In other words, there are already as many adult males in California and Oregon as there were at the time of the last census in the five states of Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Delaware, with an aggregate population of one million, two hundred and thirty-nine thousand. The effect which this compression of vital energy must exert in intensifying the life and increasing the vigor of the community is apparent. Imagine the power, physical, mental, and moral, of four men compressed into one, and the colossal intellect and giant frame thus formed would illustrate this people in the comparison with other communities. A nation of MEN, in the prime of life, in the full strength of manhood's perfected powers! Nor is this all: they are, in some respects, the choice men of our land,-if not always in the loftier elements of man's moral nature, yet in the possession of those qualities which give force to communities. The timid, the indolent, the dullard, have seldom ventured thither; those difficulties and dangers which have stimulated the bold and adventurous spirit have deterred them, and comparatively few remain there, save men of courage, energy, and determination. Viewed in this aspect, the world presents no nobler material upon which the moulding influence of the gospel can act. As a state draws the nature of its entire life from the character of its early settlers, it is only rational to anticipate for the future of the Pacific States a life of intense energy, such as has never yet been exhibited in the progress of the human family. Never before has a state been founded under such auspices, and never before has such enterprise, energy, and progress marked the early history of any land. Upon that distant shore stand cities which again and again have been destroyed by fire or inundated by floods, only to be again and again rebuilt, each time in superior beauty, until now the chief commercial city of that coast rivals, in the number, elegance, and permanent character of its buildings, cities whose growth has been the development of a century. Its harbor is crowded with vessels of every commercial nation on the globe, while its warehouses, which equal in character and capacity those of any city in the older states, are filled with the richest merchandize from every portion of the world. Such is the character, and such the present position, of the people of the "Far West"; and the same features which give to those distant territories so great a social, commercial, and political importance, impart to it, as a Missionary field, corresponding interest. Let this far-reaching enterprise, this keen intelligence, this unconquerable energy, be directed into the higher avenues of philanthropy and religion, and that young people, whose influence has already been felt by the commerce and industry of the world, will exert an influence of equal power upon the religious interests of mankind.

In the population of the Pacific coast there is one important feature, which finds no parallel in any other portion of the home field. It is the infusion of a large and constantly increasing Pagan element. Never before has God thus cast masses of idolators into the very bosom of a Christian nation, separating them from the influences which had bound them to the altars of a Pagan worship and placing them where the gospel is enthroned in the laws and institutions that surround them! And with what purpose has He done it now?

Politicians and philanthropists have seen in this unlooked-for immigration the means of extending the influence of liberal principles through Asia. May not the Christian see therein the means for bearing the gospel also? In a recent memorial to Congress, referring to the first-named point, the following language is employed:—"California, by the discovery of gold within her borders, has become the residence and home of people 'from out of all nations on the earth.' We see people who have long dwelt under monarchical and despotic sway, now thinking and acting under the blessings which they feel result from our free institutions, and we cannot but see that these influences will work a great revolution in the nations of the earth; and, if the golden moment is secured; if, at the appropriate moment of time, the word is fitly spoken; if our nation seizes the opportunity now offered to it,—eternity alone can reveal the blessings which this nation has it in its power to bestow upon those who come to this portion of our rich heritage from every nation of the earth.

"We believe there never has been a period in the history of any nation, when so glorious an opportunity has been given to bestow so great a boon, and to throw so humanizing and Christianizing an influence over so many people, and of so many different nations, as is now offered to the people of these United States." "The benighted of other nations are coming to us to receive those lessons that shall be borne back to those they have left behind them, for good or for evil, for freedom or for servitude, as this great country by her people and institutions instruct them."

We, occupying the stand-point of the Christian, and regarding the movements of Providence in their higher aspects, those which contemplate the moral and spiritual renovation of the world, may adopt and elevate that language. California may be made a great Mission ground, a point for the world-wide diffusion of loftier principles and sublimer truths than those which belong to civil polity; the principles of the gospel, the truths of SALVATION! Doing this, "seizing the opportunity now offered—the golden moment," effects will be produced, the influence of which will be felt in other continents. To cherish doubts of such a result would evince a narrow view of the purposes of Him who has drawn these multitudes of Pagans to our shores. It was not that, extracting the gold from our soil, they might bear it back to lavish it upon the shrines of idol deities; not for this did God draw them to a Christian land; but rather, let us believe, that they might be prepared here to aid in fulfilling His own declaration, "The idols will I utterly abolish!"

According to an estimate made by the Secretary of State for California, there were in that State, one year ago, 25,000 of Asiatics and kindred races; of these, 22,175 were Chinese; the remainder were Australians, Sandwich Islanders, Malays, Manillos, Hindostanees, &c. Since that time the number has increased, especially of Chinese; nor is it unlikely that the revolution in China will have the effect of augmenting the number of those who will be led to seek our shores. In connection with this topic, so many reflections arise, and so much of interest is associated with the probable results of this idolatrous immigration, that we scarcely know where to restrain the pen. Yet we must pass to direct attention to another feature of this field.

3d. The Inadequacy of the Means Employed.—The combined efforts of all the evangelical denominations upon the field do not reach much more than half the American population; there are scores, if not hundreds, of gorges and mining districts, where the gospel is seldom or never preached; while, for the foreign *Pagan* population, the labors of a single man, located at San Francisco, is all the direct effort made. But by far the larger portion of that class are to be found congregated in camps throughout the mining districts, where all that they learn of Christianity is derived from the conduct, oftentimes immoral and oppressive, of their American neighbors.

With this view of the wants, the importance, and the promise of the field before us, let us see what we, as a denomination, are doing to meet its demands and reapits rewards; and without other design than to bring the facts vividly before the mind, we give a comparative table of what is being done in the leading States of the North-west, and in California and Oregon, using as our basis the last Annual Report of this Society.\*

From the table referred to, the following facts are deduced: Illinois, or Indiana, with an adult male population no larger than that of the Pacific States, has each six times the number of Missionaries of this Society. Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and New Mexico, with an adult male population inferior to that of California, have more than twenty-two times the number of Missionaries of this Society!—or sixty-eight to three. Yet in California a greater proportionate number of Missionaries to a given population is needed, than in any other state, as the people have to be sought in the mountain gorge, in the ravines, by every river side, and upon hill, plain, and valley, throughout the entire state.

While your Committee would leave these facts to make their own appeal, they cannot refrain from saying, that either they have grossly erred in their estimate of the importance of this field, or we, as a denomination, have fallen far short of its demands.

But we have not yet done. All that has been said is based upon the "Far West" as it is. If we look to the future of those territories, the field assumes an aspect of surpassing magnitude and grandeur. God has gathered upon those shores every element necessary to build up one of the mightiest nations on the globe; and He has called there, for their development, a people who will suffer no one of them all to slumber in inactivity. California and Oregon possess

<sup>\*</sup> In this table, to obtain the present number of population, 20 per cent is added to the numbers of the census of 1850, for the first five named; the others are estimated.

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territory enough to give homes to all the present population of the United States, and sources of wealth sufficient to enrich them all. The success of those who have emigrated thither will continue to attract multitudes, until the dormant wealth of all that coast shall be developed, and the richest and most powerful states of our Union will be those which lie beyond the Rocky mountains. They possess what never before has been granted to a new state in this agethe capital to develop all the resources of the land, and to carry out the most enlarged schemes for their advancement. Already has the commercial enterprise of San Francisco reached forth the hand after that prize for which the nations of the World have striven in all ages-the commerce of the Orient, the trade of the distant East-a prize which she will surely win. And should the Japanese expedition be successful in its object (and if not now, it will one day be attained) that same commerce, occupying the vantage-ground of position. will be the most powerful competitor for the new and enriching trade that will at once be created. Already the commercial relations of the Pacific coast are disclosing the elements of future power.

But there is still lying incalculable wealth undeveloped, unsought, upon those distant shores. South of California, and in the possession of a people too feeble to protect themselves from the inroads of savages, and too indolent to extract the treasures from the soil, are mines of invaluable richness. And that would be a short-sighted view, which, in estimating the future progress of the "Far West," should leave out of sight the certain development of that material wealth. The Apache will not, for many years, lord it over a soil where the precious metals teem, nor will the immense grazing regions and fertile valleys of Sonora be left to his devastating inroads. Already is a strong current of emigration setting towards the South of the "Far West," and it is a current which will gather strength as it flows.

Such is a brief outline of the character and prospects of this great field. Upon it the Church of Christ has a mighty work to do, and it were well that, measuring it in its magnitude and importance, she should arise and gird her for the task. There, all the grand circle of institutions flowing from and founded upon the gospel are yet to be reared. Churches are to be gathered, nurtured, and built up. Church edifices are to be erected. Institutions of learning are to be founded. To bear and plant the gospel there is a work for which no pigmy's hand is fitted. Infidelity in its most boastful aspect; vice in its most open forms, there meet and mock the effort of the Christian laborer, and the truth grapples with errors of every form upon a soil where Romanism for a hundred years has been dominant, and still is powerful. The work to which God here invites us is a great work, and its importance should incite us to efforts commensurate alike with its magnitude, and with the far-reaching results that will follow successful labor. Our denomination has not pastors enough there to supply the churches already gathered. The materials for new churches exist, ready to be combined into efficient organization. Scattered amongst the mountains, camping in the ravines, or occupying positions of influence in the towns and inland cities of California are our own brethren; but they are, too often, as sheep without a shepherd!

We need more Missionaries for this field! We need them to reclaim those once members of our Churches, who have wandered; we need them to stand by the sick-bed of the miner, dying far from kindred and from home, to point him to riches brighter than the wealth for which he has toiled; we need them to feed the scattered members of the flock, brethren whose names stand upon our own Atlantic church books; we need them to seek out the thousands of young men who have rushed to those tempting shores, and who now, far from their father's house, and removed from the hallowed influences of a Christian home, are exposed to unnumbered dangers and temptations: greatly, urgently we need them; nor do we believe that this need can be too solemnly pondered by the ministry and the membership of our Churches.

Long as is this Report, not the half has been said which a full statement of the subject would demand; and your Committee close by expressing the conviction that the "Far West" presents a field for Missionary effort such as God opens to his people but once in centuries! And that, to neglect the call which His providence here makes on us, will result in loss to ourselves as a denomination.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS IN THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY.

Presented by their Chairman, Rev. D. B. Cheney, Philadelphia.

The Committee appointed on that part of the Annual Report, relating to Missions in the Mississippi Valley, have endeavored to survey the field, and to gather such considerations as may be of practical importance at this stage of our progress.

From the time Jonathan Going made his first tour through this Valley, in 1831, and published to the churches the result of his observations, in the hope of more fully enlisting their sympathies and efforts in the cause of home evangelization, until the present, this Valley has been increasing in importance as a Home Mission field. True, in this period it has changed its relative position in the country. It is no longer the "Far West," but the great central portion of our land; no longer the frontier settlement simply, but now is heard there the stir of empire. It is a field in the operations of this Society comparatively near at hand, and which furnishes not a few efficient fellow-helpers in the prosecution of its general work.

Your Committee are of the opinion, that the Society and its Executive Board have not hitherto over-estimated this field in assigning it the first place in their plan of operations. Its extent and position and certain influences upon the destinies of the whole country and the world, are all such as to call for wise and vigorous efforts for its early occupancy.

That portion of the Mississippi Valley now embraced in the operations of this Society contains a present population of about five and a half millions.

People it as densely as the state of Massachusetts, and it would reach nearly or quite fifty millions. That we may appreciate the importance of this field in its relations to the work of home evangelization, we must remember how suddenly settlements grow into towns, and towns into cities, and with what amazing rapidity they are now being multiplied along the southern borders of the Lakes, upon all the navigable rivers, and upon the various lines of railroads that are now intersecting almost every portion of this great valley.

The strong arguments that were used twenty years ago, to awaken interest in behalf of the Mississippi Valley, will now apply with augmented force. The towns and eities that have been planted there within the past few years are as truly destitute, and send forth as earnestly and with as great propriety the Macedonian cry, as those first occupied in the operations of this Society. The difference is that, where there was one such town twenty years ago, there are now found ten or more; and in view of the large increase of foreign population, the people in those towns are less able or less disposed to furnish for themselves the means of grace, than in the corresponding towns at an earlier period.

Nor must we overlook the fact in estimating the importance of this field in its relations to this Society, that, as yet, we are there comparatively feeble. In New York, we have one Baptist communicant to every thirty-six of her population; in New England, one to thirty-two; in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, one to twenty-seven; while, in the Mississippi Valley, we have but one to sixty-seven; and in some of the states the destitution is very much greater. Besides, our membership there is necessarily divided into small and feeble churches, a very large proportion of the churches containing less than fifty members each. The field, therefore, to be occupied by this Society in the Mississippi Valley, view it in whatever light you may, is vast, and must, for many years to come, demand an important share of your attention.

Your Committee cannot forbear to speak in strong terms of approval of the endeavors of your Executive Board, to occupy important points in this field that either are already, or are soon destined to become, great centres of moral and social influence. Hitherto great embarrassment has been experienced because of the lack of men competent to enter upon such a work. And though the embarrassment is by no means fully removed, yet your Committee feel that a most important work has been accomplished by your Board, in sending out and sustaining so many efficient laborers in those positions where they occupy a vantage-ground. The wisdom of this course, in the judgment of your Committee, is above all question. In possessing ourselves of the field, we must not strive so much to surprise the outposts, as to storm the fortress. When once the strongholds are taken, the field is easily won. Every efficient church, planted in one of those important positions, becomes as a foster-mother to a whole circle of churches in "regions beyond." The expenditure may be large at first, but it will bring an early and liberal return. Your Committee think that the Board should be encouraged in their endeavors to occupy these fields at the earliest practicable moment. The early settlers of a town in this valley to a very great degree, give type to the character of those who succeed them. As the owners of the soil, its natural increase in value makes them men of wealth and influence. The religious principles, therefore, that prevail in the early history of such a town, will be likely to continue in the ascendant. Hence the exceeding difficulty often experienced by your Missionaries, in laboring where the field has been preoccupied. Men whose early associations and preferences would have inclined them to our views, have formed other ecclesiastical relations, simply because others have been in advance of us in occupying such positions. While we cannot repair our past neglect, we surely ought to provide against an increase of this embarrassment in the future.

Your Committee have also noticed, with interest and approval, the efforts of your Board in behalf of our foreign population. They are aware of the difficulty in the way of the prosecution of this work, arising from the great lack of approved men adapted to this department of the field. The number of such, compared with the magnitude of the work, which in Providence is thrown upon our hands, is exceedingly small. Nor is there any immediate prospect of a large increase. Then, again, the work in its nature presents peculiar embarrassments, even if we had men enough fully to occupy the field. Over our foreign population the "man of sin" sways his iron sceptre, and infidelity in its various forms has led multitudes far away from the truth. Romanism and rationalism, have found a prolific soil among the foreign population of the Mississippi Valley, and already are they bringing forth abundantly their pernicious fruits. And yet, amid all these obstacles, success has hitherto attended the labors of your Board in their behalf. Germans and Norwegians, Danes and Swedes, have heard in their own "tongues the wonderful works of God." Some of these have "received the word with gladness," and made "a good profession before many witnesses."

The beginning, though encompassed with difficulties, has been full of encouragement. And yet, thus far, it has been only a beginning. The work is great, and the considerations urging us to engage in it are multiplying on every side. Your Committee therefore feel, that the Board should be sustained in prosecuting this department of their work with all possible vigor. They should multiply the number of laborers in behalf of our foreign population, as fast as God in his Providence shall give them the men. Patriotism, philanthropy, and religion, unite in their appeal to us to give to the thousands of our adopted fellow-citizens, and to those other thousands who are still crowding to our shores, a pure Christianity as their only hope.

And probably there is scarcely any other work to which the attention of American Baptists needs to be more particularly turned than this. Have we not hitherto slept, while the enemy has been taking possession of this great Valley, and building there his strong towers of defence? How little have we as yet, undertaken in this work, while the "man of sin" has been pouring out his treasures as freely as the rain-drops of the summer shower, and sending forth his emissaries until their "name is legion." Your Committee, therefore, cannot forbear to express the hope, that a new impetus will be given to this feature of the cause of home evangelization during the present anniversary,—that a wider and deeper interest will be awakened in its behalf.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRANDE LIGNE MISSION.

Presented through Rev. N. Cyr, of Montreal, Chairman.

Your Committee, knowing that the Grande Ligne Mission is pretty extensively known, would report briefly upon it, limiting themselves to the points that are calculated to throw light on this department of our field, and lead to a just appreciation of its character and merits.

This Mission was commenced at the close of 1835, amidst the French Canadians, a population thoroughly Roman Catholic, and upon which no evangelical influence had ever been brought to bear. Descendants of French colonists, the inhabitants of Lower Canada had lived two hundred years under the moulding hand of the Romish clergy, whose dominion, not in the least counteracted, as in the mother country, by the infidelity and revolutionary movements of the eighteenth century, was completely and fully established in the Valley of St. Lawrence. Their numerous Churches, Colleges, Nunneries, Hospitals, and Asylums, with their immense wealth, were both the signs and instruments of their undisputed sway. The people sat in darkness, in the region and shadow of death, and the whole country seemed as inaccessible to the Gospel, as Cape Diamond's lofty citadel is to foreign invasion. So thought even the Christians dwelling amidst the French Canadians, and consequently they made no effort to enlighten them.

But God's thoughts are not our thoughts, and His ways are not our ways. He had designs of mercy towards this people, and to fulfil these designs, He chose some of his servants in Switzerland. They came, and for the first time was preached to them the everlasting and pure Gospel of Christ.

For the first five years, there was only one minister in the field, aided by a couple of teachers. During the second five years, three other ministers, two of whom were the fruits of the Mission, entered the work, and, from that time to the present, there has been an addition of four more, three of whom are the fruits of the Mission. And now the Missionary corps consists of six ordained ministers, two licentiates, ten teachers, three colporteurs; who, in their endeavors to spread the pure knowledge of the Gospel, have to encounter one archbishop, five bishops, and five hundred and fifty priests, besides an innumerable host of nuns and teachers, who are all devoted, soul and body, to the interests and aggrandizements of their Church.

Considering the mighty obstacles in the way of truth, shall we not rejoice and bless God, the master of the harvest, in seeing already four organized churches, into which have been received 370 converted Canadians; and which number yet 200 members, notwithstanding deaths, exclusions, and immigration into the United States. Many others have been also brought to a saving knowledge of Christ, though they have not joined the Mission Churches; and we number besides over a thousand more who have abandoned the errors of Popery, and who are under the influence of the Gospel.

Your Committee think the success of last year's operations show the increased usefulness and importance of the Grande Ligne Mission. The preaching of the Gospel was maintained in twelve different places, and has proved to

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many the power of God unto salvation, whilst it has built up believers in their most holy faith. Never have there been so many calls for the efforts of the colporteurs, and never have they been more active or found more access to educated and influential persons.

Six primary schools have been in operation during the year, in which some 150 children have not only been taught in the elementary branches of education, but made acquainted with the teachings of the blessed book which is able to make them wise unto salvation. The normal school at Grande Ligne, whose principal object is to train native laborers, has afforded the means of instruction to forty-six scholars, who have been taught in the higher branches, and who have made very encouraging progress. In the girl's school at St. Pie, only twenty pupils could be accommodated, but these, receiving more attention and care from their teachers, have made very satisfactory improvement.

The Sémeur Canadien, a weekly religious paper, whose aim is to contribute to the instruction of the converts, and to the exhibition of the claims of true Christianity, is daily gaining ground and extending its sphere of usefulness. Since its removal to Montreal, a little over two years ago, it has doubled its subscription list. About two hundred Romish families take a sufficient interest in religious matters to patronize it, and that in spite of their priests. We look upon this instrumentality as a very important one, as it reaches hundreds of French Canadians, who were hitherto inaccessible to evangelical truths, and in several instances it has contributed its part to the conversion of sinners, whilst it has led others to the Bible, and awakened in them a spirit of inquiry, from which we may expect blessed results under God's blessing.

The visible and immediate fruit of these different efforts has been, during the past year, the conversion of forty individuals, who have professed their faith by baptism and united with the churches, besides a greater number who have been naturally brought under the influence of the Gospel.

The school at Grande Ligne was visited last autumn by the gracious influence of the Holy Spirit. The Mission House had eminently become "a house of prayer." Here hymns were sung to the praise of the Redeemer; there, a sinner impressed with his danger, was praying God for pardon and grace; in another room was found a gathering of little boys, offering their hearts to the Saviour of little children. One could hear everywhere supplications and praises, and see tears of repentance and of joy.

As might have been expected, the progress of the Truth has awakened the activity and opposition of the Romish clergy. At first they tried to crush down the good work under violent persecutions; but finding out to their shame and confusion that this would not do, and that we were determined to claim the full enjoyment of religious liberty, to which we are entitled by the law of the land, they immediately changed their tactics. The bishops of Montreal went to Europe and secured the services of Jesuits and other priests, who were called to Canada for the sole purpose of opposing us. These Jesuits have built an immense college in Montreal, and are training some 200 Canadian youths according to their abominable principles, whilst the other emissaries of Rome are travelling through the country, especially where the Gospel has been preached, and stirring up the people against the Protestants.

This new regiment alone, the body-guard of Popery in Canada, cost the Propaganda of Rome some thirty thousand dollars a year, and, what is worthy of remark, we never hear them grudging money thus spent.

But the Missionaries never allowed themselves to be frightened or discouraged by these strenuous and incessant efforts, and, notwithstanding them, the prospects of the Grande Ligne Mission were never so good.

The intense desire of the people of Canada for liberal and general education, and the progress of knowledge, begin to open the way for the Gospel. The priests feel it, and would avert the impending danger, did they occupy their heretofore unassailable position. But the people begin to open their eyes and see the evils which have retarded their progress. They are less submissive to ecclesiastical authority, and in many cases are ready to oppose it. The system of tithes, which makes a rich man of every priest, and perpetuates the power of the ecclesiastical corps, is now generally discredited, and will sooner or later be abolished.

In view of these results, and of the favorable circumstances for Missionary efforts in Canada, looking at the manifestations of independence of priestly power, the progress of education, and the gradual enlightenment of the people, your Committee would praise God and encourage the Society to labor with increased earnestness and diligence in this important field, trusting that He who has already blessed his servants in Canada, will continue to smile upon their evangelistic efforts, so that they may be blessed with the privilege of planting the banner of the glorious Gospel of Christ in that benighted but highly interesting country.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

Presented by their Chairman, Rev. M. G. Clark, Philadelphia.

The Committee appointed on so much of the Annual Report as relates to the "Church Edifice Fund," have considered the subject, and beg leave to report. With the march of improvement by which the present age is distinguished, it is not the least pleasing and encouraging fact to the intelligent Christian, that there is a desire manifesting itself in various forms to perfect and facilitate the instrumentalities of the Gospel, though it must be confessed the Church in this respect is still far behind the world.

In commerce, what increased facilities—what means of power are now employed in comparison with a few years since! Look at her vessels, her steamships—they are floating palaces, and her storehouses are princely mansions; and the country is literally interlaced with her canals and railroads, while her exchanges and banking-houses are not only swelling to enormous sizes under its influence, but they stand before us in all the beautiful adornment of skill and wealth. And this spirit is not only manifest in the higher department of commerce, but it pervades it. It is everywhere giving expansion, facility, and

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beauty. Running through every avenue, is seen the electric wire, as it were, setting on fire the whole course of business. And such indeed is the spirit of the age for improvement, that the slow-plodding farmer has cause to feel its power shaping and sharpening every tool with which he digs and tills the soil.

And why all this? What is the object had in view? And is it not extensive? These are questions which are often asked. Now, nothing is clearer than that all these improvements which are springing into life around us with such amazing rapidity and perfection, are only designed to give ease, rapidity, and power to business for the purpose of increasing wealth. And if it is objected that it costs too much, we have only to reply that the evidences are abundant that it pays well.

It is true, there is an immense outlay in digging canals, in tunnelling mountains, in laying railroads, in building steam-ships and storehouses; but business men feel that it makes good returns. And no intelligent business man would think to succeed, if he were to go back to the old form and style of operation, especially, while all his neighbors are pushing forward their improvements.

And we commend the soundness of his discrimination. If he were to do otherwise, every man would brand him as either lacking in sagacity or enterprise, or perhaps both. All say this is an age of improvement. And, is it not as important for the Church to understand this as it is for the world?

We would not, however, seek any improvement in the Gospel. That needs no improvement. That is suited to any and every age. That is in advance of any state of human improvement. But we would have the facilities of the Gospel keep pace with other improvements. They should go in advance. These are human, and for them the Church is responsible.

And your Committee believe that there is no *instrumentality* employed by the Church of Jesus Christ more important, or more vitally connected with the well-being of the Church, or the *salvation* of souls, than the erection of *properly located* and *suitably constructed* church edifices.

We believe the preaching of the Gospel to be the grand agency God employs for the conversion of this world. But how much that agency has been retarded in its work—how many strong and faithful ministers have been rendered almost powerless for the want of a good meeting-house! How many churches have been kept in a sickly or dying condition many long and weary years, for the simple and only reason, that they had no place, or perhaps, what was worse, no suitable place to invite the community where they might enjoy the institutions of the Gospel!

Perhaps no denomination of Christians has been so deficient as our own, as respects the facilities of the Gospel. We have been distinguished for our simple and earnest adherence to the truth as it is in Jesus, and for the *Divine plan* of building the *spiritual* Church; and have we not too much overlooked the importance of the *material* church?

In our love for the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, we have done well. But we might have done much better if we had united the

divine model for the spiritual church with some good models of material churches, well located, and fitly executed. In how many towns in the older States of this Union has Providence given us the opportunity of establishing our cause in advance, even of others! but we have prejudiced the public mind by locating our house in the woods or on the mountains, instead of placing it in the midst of the people; and often, when they have been located within their reach, the figure and style have been uninviting, and their capacity entirely inadequate to the wants of the community. And the consequence has been, that other denominations have gone forward and supplied the wants of the public with good and inviting houses, located so that they could be reached without the trouble and fatigue of a pilgrimage as to some Mecca. And the masses have enjoyed these accommodations. And they have used the masses, while we, enfeebled, have either abandoned the field altogether, or have maintained a most unequal combat. This, however, we believe, has arisen in many instances, from the want of means at command, to carry out suitable plans; and if proper assistance could have been rendered, no doubt but the cause would have been put on a broad and firm basis; and when now it seems only in its infancy, it would have the power of mature strength.

We rejoice that within a few years the policy of locating and building our meeting-houses seems much improved, especially in our older States, and we already begin to see the advantage. But the work is only well begun as yet.

There is, however, a practical difficulty which must be met. The best way of meeting it may not be so easy. It is not to be concealed, that there are scores and hundreds of villages, and towns, and cities even, where there are either no churches or they are young and feeble, and cannot command the means at present for the erection of a house of worship, and yet a house is absolutely necessary to their very existence, or if not to their existence, to their growth and ultimate success. This is preëminently true in the newer portions of the country. And now, what shall be done? You may send a Missionary among them, but what can he do without a suitable place in which to gather the people, where he may bring them under the sound of the Gospel. He may go from house to house, and preach, and pray, but, after all, he will make but slow progress towards building up a self-sustaining church. But could you send to your Missionaries a few hundred or thousand dollars to help complete some well-begun sanctuaries,-could they know, that, if they could bring the people to do a certain part among themselves,-they were certain of the aid which would insure success,—how many a Missionary would gather fresh courage, and how many communities would rise up with a kind of supernatural power to build for themselves the house of the Lord! And with a good house once built and paid for, there are but few congregations which would need farther aid.

Your Committee, therefore, after much reflection and somewhat extended observation believe fully, that it might be a wiser policy for the present, at least, to appropriate a *portion* of the moneys contributed and donated for the spread of the Gospel, to the erection of meeting-houses. Not that they would lessen the amount for direct preaching, but would greatly increase that; while they would call the attention of the churches, and more especially their wealthy

brethren, to the importance of this subject. Indeed, it must be kept constantly before them. The Christian's mind must be aroused to the imperative demand of this subject.

Your Committee rejoice in the response which has been made to your first calls in this direction. Your Report states that more than five thousand dollars have been collected and appropriated, under the direction of the Board, to some eleven churches the past year. But what is that among so many? Instead of five thousand, it should be twenty times that amount. We believe that, under the present rapid growth of our country, SEVENTY-FIVE OR ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS could be appropriated with great economy to aid in the erection of church edifices throughout our wide land.

Your Committee do not think that the plan adopted by the Board last year, and widely published to the churches, needs any change. In conclusion they would beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to incorporate the Church Edifice Fund as a special object for which to collect funds.

Resolved, That we will not rest until we secure at least one hundred thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Executive Board of the Am. Bap. Home Mission Society, according to the plan and style set forth in the Home Mission Record, Extra, of last year.

Resolved, That the plans for raising, collecting, as well as disbursing these fund s be left to the direction of the Executive Board.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCES.

Presented by Rev. W. C. Child, of Mass., in the absence of the Chairman.

The Committee on Finances would beg leave respectfully to present the following Report:

The Treasurer has received, for the year ending with 31st of March, not reckoning the balance of the previous Report, \$58,264 28. This amount includes the entire receipts for all purposes; of which \$5,678 83 were designated by the donors for Church Edifices; \$647,32 for School operations at Grand Ligne, in New Mexico, and elsewhere; and \$1,360 45 for the payment of subscriptions to the *Home Mission Record*. The aggregate of contributions, legacies, and donations for the general objects of the Society was \$49,107 68; being an increase over the receipts of the previous year, from the same sources, of \$8,065 17.

The disbursements of the Treasury for the same period were correspondingly enlarged, though the per centage of incidental expenditure was considerably smaller. The balance of cash on hand, on the 1st of April last, was \$4,302 71; but had the claims for Missionary service then due been presented, your Treasurer would have lacked more than a thousand dollars to meet the demands of deserving laborers.

It is gratifying, nay, encouraging, to perceive, from these substantial tokens of sympathy and cooperative regard, that the work and claims of the Home Mission Society are, year by year, receiving a juster consideration, and becoming more adequately appreciated. Ten years ago, the Treasurer reported but \$13,401.76, as the receipts of the year 1843-4: they are now more than

quadrupled.

But while your Committee would thank God for the present, and take encouragement from the past, they do but utter a truth capable of the fullest demonstration, that but few, even of its best friends, have, as yet, given to this Society a place in their affections, a remembrance in their prayers, or a prominence in their plans of liberal benefaction, to which it seems every way entitled, and whose claims to which are most vehemently urged by thousands upon thousands of the destitute and the perishing, and approved by the Lord Jesus Christ himself; while multitudes of American Baptists give but stintingly and fitfully to its Treasury.

Your Committee have been furnished with reliable data, carefully prepared, in regard to the necessities of the ensuing year; and they commend to your most serious consideration the statements presented in the Annual Report of

the Board, and the plea thereupon founded.

If the Great Commission itself, and the apostolic interpretation of its binding force and practical application, are duly considered; if the test and proof and glory of the Christian Ministry be, that "to the poor the Gospel is preached"; if it be the highest dictate of wisdom and duty alike to seize upon central positions and influential nations, for the more ready and complete evangelization of the world; if there be anything worthy of regard in the signs of the times and the evident designs of Jehovah in making this not only the land of the free, but the refuge and hope of almost all the earth beside, where he is gathering a great multitude out of every nation and kindred and tongue under heaven, in answer to the prayers of His people, that they may have a free conscience, a free Church, a free Gospel, and a free Bible, with free schools and a free government; and if it be in the highest degree obligatory, and in the fullest measure, a blessed privilege to work both when and where God works; in a word, if Patriotism has any acknowledged claims, or Religion, any controlling, impelling, sovereign, consecrating power, surely no intelligent, liberal, worthy American citizen, and especially no true and earnest disciple of the blessed Master,-no grateful blood-bought child of God and heir of heaven,-no devoted and Christ-like Minister of the Cross, can refuse or hesitate to admit, that the field given to this Society to cultivate is, at this present juncture, and of right ought to be, second to none other in the world.

In conclusion, your Committee believe that thirty-six men are too few for the actual necessities of the States and Territories that are pleading for additional laborers from this Society, and that the amount mentioned in the estimate of your Board is by no means too high. That sum and more can be employed most judiciously, in merely planting choice seed in the sunniest spots, without wast-

ing a handful of corn, or a day's labor, in unpromising places.

But how shall the receipts of your treasury be made equal to its present liabilities, and the demands that will in all probability be urgently presented ere the close of this fiscal year?

In the judgment of your Committee, a simpler faith in the Gospel and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ—a more intelligent and complete estimate of Christian obligation and human responsibility—is the great need. This want met. all other necessities are within our reach—men, means, money!

Whatever will secure to all our churches, their pastors, their deacons, and their entire membership, this spirit of Missions, this, the Spirit of Christ, who, though infinitely rich, became poor for us, that we might through His poverty be made rich,—whatever will tend to produce or cherish and promote pure and undefiled religion before God and among men—is eminently worthy the prayerful regard and the practical adoption of all who sympathize in the objects and purposes of this Society.

Beyond this recommendation, your Committee would submit for your cordial and earnest approval the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the widening field, the growing work, the numerous tokens of Divine favor, the multiplying opportunities and rare openings of rich promise, which the Great Head of the Church is presenting to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, make it in the highest degree desirable, if not imperatively necessary, that the Executive Board should have at their disposal for the current year's disbursement, for general purposes alone, at least the sum of \$75,000.

Resolved, That the Board be authorized to enlarge their plan of operations according to the schedule and statements presented in their Annual Report, unless the receipts of the Treasury for the ensuing six months should prove inadequate to justify so large an increase of expenditure.

Resolved, That we respectfully yet earnestly request all the friends and patrons of this Society, as individuals, and in their various Church relationships as well, to increase their contributions for Home Missions, proportionately if possible, to this enlarged scale of operations, and have them forwarded to the Treasurer at an early day.

Resolved, That we renewedly commend the Home Mission Record, now enlarged and improved, to a much wider and more general circulation in all our Churches, as eminently calculated to awaken and foster the Missionary spirit, and promote the objects of this Society.

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